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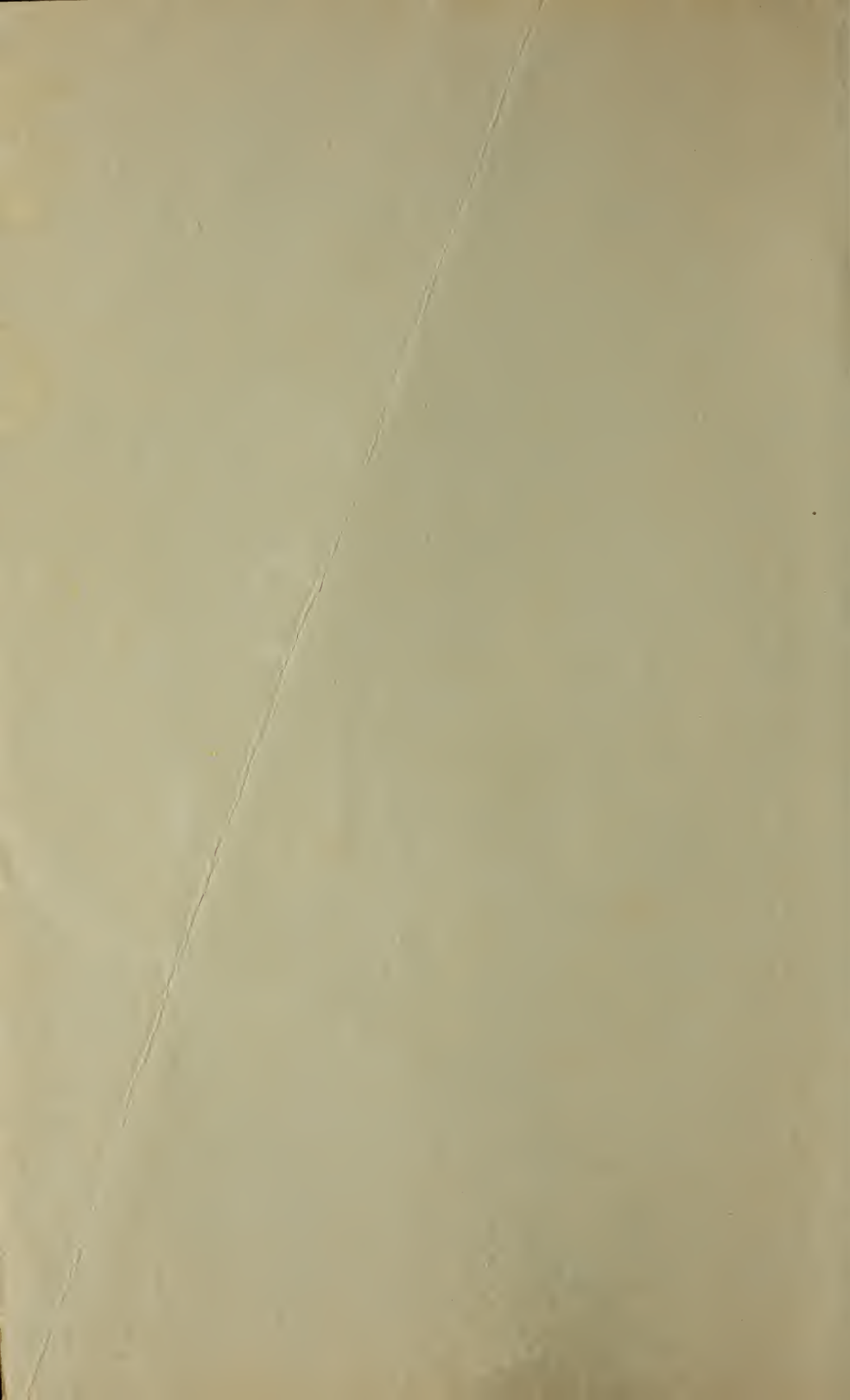
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	Mrs. Viola Porter	Rt. 1, Box 367, Slidell, La.
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	Mr. Andrew Demery	1725 Lizardi St., N. O., La.
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	Mrs. Virginia Harris	1104 Valence St., N. O., La.
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	Mrs. A. M. St. Cyr	3217 Lowerline St., N. O., La.
Williams	Mrs. Ethel Isom	2316 Peniston St., N. O., La.
	Mrs. Louise Brown	182 Walnut St., N. O., La.

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Bastrop:		
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	Prof. Lonnie Cook	Box 202, Bastrop, La.
Bastrop:		
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Bradford Chapel	Mr. Isaac Smith	Rt. 1, Box 35, Belcher, La.
	Mrs. Agnes Taylor	Rt. 1, Box 29, Belcher, La.
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	Mrs. Rosetta Frazier	Gallion, La.
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	Mr. Mack Smalley, Sr.	Rt. 1, Box 38, Keithville, La.

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St. Peter Mrs. Lillian McDaniel Lake Providence, La.
 Mrs. Julia H. Richardson Lake Providence, La.
 Logansport Ct. Mrs. Dovie L. Williams Rt. 2, Box 245, Logansport, La.
 Mr. Allen Powell Logansport, La.

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Pleasant Grove ... Mrs. Daisy H. Brown Longstreet, La.
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Mansfield Ct. Mrs. J. E. Brown 938 Polk St., Mansfield, La.
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Mansfield:

Thomas Ct. Mrs. Ethel Ferguson Box 602, Mansfield, La.
 Mr. Jeffery Sudds Rt. 2, Box 45, Mansfield, La.
 Many Ct. Mrs. Maggie R. Garner Many, La.
 Mr. Freddie L. Miller Zwolle, La.

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 Mrs. L. L. Coleman 2019 Adams St., Monroe, La.

Monroe:

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Pelican:

St. Matthew Mr. Zeb Thomas Rt. 1, Box 77, Pelican, La.
 Mr. Peter Branch Marthaville, La.

Pelican Ct. Mr. Ernest Joyce Box 315, Pleasant Hill, La.

Pleasant Hill Ct. Mrs. Mary E. Emmett Rt. 1, Box 35, Pelican, La.

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..... Mr. John L. Williams 151 Western Ave., Shreveport, La.

III.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SESSION

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1955

10:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon

1:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

After the singing of hymns, prayer, and announcements, the boards, commissions, and committees were called to meet during these hours.

EVENING SESSION

7:30 P.M.

The program of welcome rendered by the local church was followed by a reception tendered Bishop and Mrs. King, Annual Conference Delegates, and guests. Rev. N. H. Baker, District Superintendent, presided.

MORNING SESSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1955

9:00—11:00 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE—Bishop Willis J. King, assisted by the District Superintendents and the Host Pastor. Communion Meditation delivered by Bishop Willis J. King—Subject: "Strength of the Holy Spirit."

NUMBER COMMUNED—367.

OFFERING—\$167.00.

11:00 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

ORGANIZATION

The Seventeenth Session (Eighty-eighth since organization) of the Louisiana Annual Conference opened at St. James Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, with Bishop Willis J. King presiding.

ROLL CALL: The Secretary, George W. Carter, called the roll of Ministerial, Lay Members, and Approved Supply Pastors of the Conference. (See List.)

LEGAL LIMITS: It was moved by N. H. Baker and seconded by Garfield Robinson that the limits of the Conference be set at the first five rows; amended by J. C. Calvin and seconded by J. F. Johnson to include the first six rows across. Amendment carried.

POSTMASTER: On motion of Garfield Robinson, properly seconded, W. D. Martin was elected Postmaster by acclamation.

ELECTION OF REPORTERS TO THE PRESS: Reporter to Local Press—N. P. Williams, on motion by W. Scott Chinn, properly seconded. Reporter to Religious and Other Papers—Max R. Butler, on motion by W. Scott Chinn, properly seconded. Reporter to Church and Secular Papers—W. T. Handy, Sr., on motion by J. D. David, properly seconded.

PRECENTER ELECTED: On motion of E. A. Mays, properly seconded, C. T. Wardah was elected Precenter and R. W. Calvin Conference Organist.

COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL: Conference ordered that the Cabinet

appoint the Committee on Journal, and the following were named: N. P. Perry, Miss Carlaysia Webb, and F. D. Timmons.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED: Letters were read from Rev. W. C. Haywood, Conference Treasurer, and Wesley H. Davis, Conference Statistician, announcing their resignations from office.

ASSISTANTS TO TREASURER: On Motion of W. C. Haywood, properly seconded, the following were elected Assistants to the Treasurer: L. A. Lester, S. W. Walker, Mrs. A. Pinkston, Mrs. Chaney Prevost.

ASSISTANTS TO STATISTICIAN: On motion of W. H. Davis, properly seconded, the following were named Assistants to the Statistician: E. L. Berry, S. P. Sanford, Mrs. Velma Porterfield, Mrs. Thelma Lewis, Jefferson Welton.

ASSISTANTS TO SECRETARY: On motion of G. W. Carter, properly seconded, the following were named Assistants to the Secretary: Mrs. Frances Badgett, J. C. Bibbons, Max R. Butler, A. A. Robinson, Monroe Stringer.

ORDER OF THE DAY: On motion of W. T. Handy, Sr., seconded by J. F. Johnson and others, 11:00 A.M. Thursday, May 5, 1955, was set for election of delegates.

On motion of J. C. Calvin, properly seconded, the printed program was made the official guide of the conference. Bishop Willis J. King emphasized that conference programs are the property of the conference and delegates should receive free copies.

QUESTIONS:

No. 1. Postponed until Saturday, May 7, 1955.

No. 2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? Yes.

No. 3. (a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? Conference Treasurer, \$10,000.00; Chairman Commission on World Service and Finance, \$10,000.00.

(b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited? Yes.

No. 4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected? Yes, except "I". There is no Conference Deaconess Board in the Louisiana Conference.

No. 5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? Yes.

No. 6. Postponed until the afternoon session.

No. 7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? No report from Committee on Minimum Support for Pastors. On motion by N. P. Perry, seconded by Max R. Butler, the Conference ordered that this committee be dissolved and the Cabinet name another committee. An amendment was offered by E. C. Slater that the committee be instructed to report by the next Conference on a minimum salary schedule.

No. 8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? Salary to be set by District Stewards and Pastors Council.

No. 9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? See report.

No. 10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the Council on World Service and Finance to this conference: (a) For World Service? (b) For Episcopal Fund? (c) For General Administration Fund? (d) For Interdenominational Cooperative Fund? See Reports.

No. 11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund? See Report.

No. 12. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the boards of the conference? See Reports.

No. 13. What Methodist Institutions or organizations are approved

by the conference for annuity responsibility? Lafon Old Folks Home, People's Community Center, Dillard University, Sager-Brown Home.

No. 14. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment? Second Sunday in August.

No. 15. a) Who is elected conference lay leader? J. R. Patterson

b) What is his report? See report.

c) Who are elected district and associate district lay leaders? See Board of Lay Activities, Section 1.

AFTERNOON SESSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1955

3:00-3:15 P.M. Devotional period conducted by E. J. Wise. Hymns 315, 235.

QUESTION: No. 6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? See composite report. On motion of W. R. Butler, seconded by J. E. Brown, a vote of thanks from the Conference was extended to Rev. W. T. Handy, Sr., who read the report of the district superintendents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CLOSING PRAYER, AND BENEDICTION.

EVENING SESSION

8:00 P.M.

Rev. T. R. W. Harris, Presiding

DEVOTIONS: Rev. W. T. Handy, Jr.

CHOIR: St. James Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

SERMON: Dr. S. H. Sweeney, Pastor of St. Mark Methodist Church, New York City. Subject—"Christian Movement as It Is Related to Our Social Order."

OFFERING: \$100.00.

PRESENTATION OF VISITORS and BENEDICTION.

MORNING SESSION

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1955

9:00 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

DEVOTIONS: Rev. William R. London, Jr.

HYMNS: No. 2, No. 315, No. 109.

SCRIPTURE: Heb. 12:1-8.

REPORT ON THE JOURNAL: Report of the Committee on Journal by N. P. Perry adopted by Conference.

PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Frances Badgett, Office Manager of the Central Christian Advocate presented a check in the amount of \$2,289.46 from The Methodist Publishing House to be applied to the Conference Claimant Fund. Bishop King received the check on behalf of the Conference and expressed gratitude.

QUESTIONS:

No. 16. Are all the ministerial members of the Conference blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.

No. 17. Who constitute the Conference Committee on Investigation? Committee of last year was named by the Secretary and approved by the Conference. (See List.)

No. 18. Who are the approved supply pastors? (See List.)

No. 19. What approved supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study?

(a) In the first year? J. W. Bryant, Paul Davis, Jr., Henry Dotson, Welman Frank, Adam Franklin, E. T. Gipson, L. C. Jennings, Allen Johnson, R. J. Murray, B. J. Reddix, Edward Sudds, William Tate, Freddie White.

(b) In the second year? Ameal D. Ennis, E. L. Simmons, H. K. White, A. M. Williams.

(c) In the third year? Walter Barabin, Syprian Barze, Taft Bowie, B. T. Branch, Eddie Carter, Henry Drake, Sandy Facen, P. H. Hayes, David Lockhart, O. J. D. Rainey.

(d) In the fourth year? King Alexander, R. M. Harris, Isaiah McCoy, E. L. Dotson, D. L. Franklin, James Smith.

No. 20. What approved supply pastors are credited with annuity claim because of full time service during the *past year*—

1st year—Bryant, A. M.; Reddix, B. J.; Welman, Frank; White, Freddie—4

2nd year—Bailey, F. L.; Rollins, E. K.—2

3rd year—Davis, Paul; Ennis, Ameal D.; Franklin, Adam; Murray, R. S.; Tate, William—5

4th year—Barabin, Walter; Barze, Syprian; Drake, Henry; Rainey, O. J. D.; White, H. K.; Williams, A.—6

5th year—Alexander, King; Bowie, Taft; Branch, B. T.; Carter, Eddie; Dotson, E. L.; Facen, Sandy; Franklin, Sandy; Harris, R. M.; Hayes, P. H.; Jennings, L. C.; McCoy, A. J.; McCoy, Isaiah; Thomas, F. G.—13.

6th year—Lockhart, David; Smith, Jas.—2

7th year—Gipson, E. T.; Washington, J. W.—2

Completed Course—Berry, E. L.; Green, C. H.; Haynes, B. J.; Poledore, Miller; Ryan, H. J.; Sanford, S. P.; Sudds, James; Wesley, J. L.; White, A. L.; Williams, L. A.—10

Unclassified—Lafayette, W. R.; Brown, E. A.; Moch, A. L.; Smith, Percy; Walls, C. H.—5

Retired—Brown, B. F.

No. 21. What preachers, coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized: As local deacons? None. As local elders? None.

No. 22. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers: (a) As members on trial: Deacons? None. Elders? None. (b) As members in full connection: Deacons? None. Elders? None.

No. 23. Who are received on trial: (a) in studies of the first year? None. (b) In studies of the third year under the seminary rule? None. (c) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? None.

No. 24. Who are continued on trial: (a) Continued in studies of the first year? Mose Pleasure, Jr. (b) Advanced to studies of the second year? Richard Harry, Edward Kennedy, Edgar Smith. (c) Continued in studies of the second year? None. (d) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? Donald Frank.

No. 25. Who on trial are discontinued? None.

No. 26. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

No. 27. What full members are in studies: (a) of the third year? None. (b) Of the fourth year? Wilbert August, Max R. Butler, Lloyd Honore, Rogers Transpers.

No. 28. What full members have failed to complete the studies: (a) Of the third year? None. (b) Of the fourth year? Lloyd C. Honore.

No. 29. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? Ellis Slater, Samuel W. Walker, Nathaniel Williams.

No. 30. Who have been elected deacons: (a) As local preachers? None. (b) As members on trial in the course of study? None. (c) Under the seminary rule? None. (d) Under the missionary rule? None.

No. 31. Who have been ordained deacons? None.

No. 32. Who have been elected elders: (a) As local preachers? None. (b) As local deacons who have been received on trial? None. (c) As conference members in the course of study? Nathaniel P. Williams. (d) Under the seminary rule? None. (e) Under the missionary rule? None.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1955

12:00—12:30 P.M.

SERMON: Dr. S. H. Sweeney

AFTERNOON SESSION

3:00-5:00 P.M.

Bishop Willis J. King, Presiding

COMMENTS: Bishop King pointed out to the conference the need for recruiting men to preach the Gospel.

ELECTION OF DELEGATED TO GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES:

The Secretary announced that the Conference was entitled to one ministerial and one lay Delegate to the General Conference, and two delegates each to the Jurisdictional Conference.

TELLERS NAMED: Ministerial—T. R. Albert, J. F. Johnson, Rodger Transpers, D. L. Davidson, Hubbard Daniels. Lay—Edward Taylor, Mrs. E. L. Berry, Walter Gowdy, J. E. Johnson, Mrs. O. B. Medlock.

FIRST BALLOT FOR DELEGATES to the General Conference. Ministerial—Total votes cast, 75; Defective, none; needed for Election, 38. No election. Lay—Ballots cast, 56; number defective, 3; number counted, 53; needed for election 29. No election.

PROGRAM OF BOARD OF MISSIONS:

ADDRESS: Rev. Charles F. Golden. Subject: "Recruiting for the Ministry."

SECOND BALLOT: Ministerial—Ballots cast, 69; Defective, 0; Ballots counted, 69; needed, 35. No election. Lay—Ballots cast, 56; number defective, 3; number counted 53; needed for election, 27. No election.

PROGRAM OF BOARD MISSIONS CONTINUED.

THIRD BALLOT: Ministerial—Ballots cast, 68; defective, 0; needed for election, 35, number counted, 68. The vote was as follows:

R. W. Calvin, 1; W. T. Handy, Sr., 1; T. R. Albert, 1; R. D. Hill, 1; N. H. Baker, 6; T. R. W. Harris, 13; George W. Carter, 45. George W. Carter was elected. Lay—Ballots cast, 54; number defective, 0; number counted, 54; number needed for election, 28. The count: James Carney, 1; O. V. Cooper, 5; J. R. Patterson, 23; F. C. Badgett, 26. F. C. Badgett was elected.

FOURTH BALLOT—delegates to Jurisdictional Conference: Lay—James Carney, 22; J. R. Patterson, 21; O. V. Cooper, 20; L. M. Johnson, 3; W. R. Butler, 3; Monroe Stringer, 3; D. M. Hunter, 1. James Carney and J. R. Patterson elected as delegates; O. V. Cooper, alternate.

Ministerial—Ballots cast, 71; defective, 13; ballots counted, 58; necessary to elect, 30. Vote: T. R. W. Harris, 46; N. H. Baker, 18; R. D. Hill, 15; T. R. Albert, 10; R. W. Calvin, 7; T. E. McElroy, 3; C. T. Wethers, 3; C. O. Greene, 2; W. C. Haywood, 1; W. S. Chinn, 1; W. T. Handy, Sr., 1; W. T. Handy, Jr., 1; J. F. Johnson, 1; Max Butler, 1; J. C. Calvin, 1; E. A. Mays, 1. T. R. W. Harris was elected.

SUMMER PROGRAM OF AREA ACTIVITIES AT GULFSIDE WAS ANNOUNCED BY Dr. R. F. Harrington, Area Secretary.

Dr. J. H. Touchstone addressed the Conference on behalf of the Board of Lay Activities.

FIFTH BALLOT—Ministerial. No election.

SIXTH BALLOT—Ministerial. Ballots cast, 72; defective, 0; needed for election, 37. The vote: R. D. Hill, 19; T. R. Albert, 18; N. H. Baker, 16; R. W. Calvin, 10; C. T. Wethers, 7; W. R. London, Jr., 1; C. O. Greene, 1.

On motion of W. Scott Chinn, seconded by R. S. Taylor, the conference ordered noon day voting suspended until 10:00 A.M. Friday.

BENEDICTION by Dr. S. H. Sweeney, Guest minister.

THURSDAY EVENING

8:00 P.M.

MINISTERS' WIVES ASSOCIATION ANNIVERSARY: Mrs. D. P. Handy, presiding.

DEVOTIONS: Rev. W. S. P. Norris.

MUSIC: Fairfield Choir.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: Mrs. George W. Carter, Jr.

ADDRESS: Mrs. Willis J. King.

Mrs. King gave a vivid and dramatic word picture of life in Africa.

PRESENTATION: Mrs. J. D. David.

SOLO: Mrs. T. A. B. Calvin.

OFFERING: \$90.00.

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BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES ANNIVERSARY: Mr. J. R. Patterson, Presiding.

MUSIC: St. Paul Choir.

ADDRESS: Dr. J. H. Touchstone.

OFFERING: \$16.68.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FRIDAY MORNING

MAY 6, 1955

9:00 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

DEVOTIONS: Rev. Hubbard Daniels.

HYMNS: Nos. 213, 231.

SCRIPTURE: The 23rd Psalm.

CONFERENCE BUSINESS: Bishop King, Presiding. Agenda of the day announced by Bishop Willis J. King.

The report of the Committee on the Journal was made by Rev. N. P. Perry to the effect that the Journal had been examined and necessary corrections cited to the Secretary. Report adopted.

Bishop King announced that balloting would continue for one ministerial delegate and two reserve lay delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS: The name of Rev. J. C. Williams was submitted to the Conference by the Board of Pensions, whose records show that he was born October 15, 1882, making him eligible for retirement. Rev. Williams stated, on personal privilege, that he would be willing to retire as he has served the Conference with all diligence. The Bishop approved his decision.

Rev. Nathaniel P. Perry requested leave to attend school. He is to be left without appointment for this purpose. Request granted by approval of Conference.

MOTION OF PRIVILEGE: Rev. W. T. Handy, Sr. asked for exten-

sion of time for report of Commission on World Service and Finance. Permission granted.

SEVENTH BALLOT TAKEN. No election.

MEMORIAL: Rev. W. Scott Chinn presented Memorial regarding abolishing the Central Jurisdiction. After lengthy discussion and much debate, Dr. W. T. Handy stated that he did not consider the memorial appropriate inasmuch as a Jurisdictional Committee has been appointed to study this matter and he objected to a Memorial which would tend to disrupt the work of this Commission to study the Central Jurisdiction.

EIGHTH BALLOT TAKEN: Ministerial—Ballots cast, 68; defective, 8; ballots counted, 68; needed to elect, 35. Vote. R. W. Calvin, 1; N. H. Baker, 1; R. D. Hill, 25; T. R. Albert, 41. T. R. Albert elected delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

NINTH BALLOT TAKEN for alternates to Jurisdictional Conference. On request of T. R. Albert, a vote was called on the memorial presented by W. Scott Chinn while the tellers were in conference. See Report.

VOTE ON MEMORIAL: 93 for the proposal; 7 against; 1 abstaining. Memorial carried.

Bishop King presented Dr. A. Dudley Ward, Secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations, who brought greetings to the Conference.

QUESTION:

No. 50. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Rev. R. M. Brown presented the name of Newman Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, stating that the Fourth Quarterly Conference had voted unanimously to extend the invitation. Dr. O. V. Cooper sustained the nomination. The Conference unanimously voted to hold the next session at Newman.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

Shreveport, Louisiana
May 10, 1955

This is to certify that in conformity with the requirements of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church and upon vote of the LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, CENTRAL JURISDICTION, in regular session, that I have this day ordained Elder Nathaniel P. Williams, assisted by the Elders, having been elected so by the Conference.

Signed:
Willis J. King, Presiding Bishop
Attest:
George W. Carter, Secretary

Shreveport, Louisiana

This is to certify that the foregoing record as herein given is a correct account of the daily transactions of the SEVENTEENTH SESSION of the re-organization of the Conference and the Eighty-Eighth Session of the original Conference session of the LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, CENTRAL JURISDICTION, held in St. James Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, and made official by vote of the Conference and thus given under our signature.

Signed:
Willis J. King, President
Attest:
George W. Carter, Secretary

RESOLUTION: Dr. G. W. Carter presented a resolution supporting the request of Mitchell memorial to transfer membership to the North-eastern Jurisdiction. Unanimous approval to the resolution was given on motion by Dr. Carter, seconded by N. P. Perry.

COMMUNICATION: Bishop King read a letter from Dr. D. Stewart Patterson requesting passing of the character of Chaplain A. G. Spears, and upon recommendation of the committee it was done by unanimous vote.

REPORT OF NINTH BALLOT: Ballots cast, 67; defective 11; ballots counted, 56; needed to elect, 29. The vote: R. D. Hill, 49; N. H. Baker, 23; R. W. Calvin, 15; C. T. Wethers, 7; T. E. McElroy, 3; C. O. Greene, 3; Leroy Fields, 2; W. S. Chinn, 2; W. T. Handy, Jr., 2; W. T. Handy, Sr., 1; E. A. Mays, 1; J. C. Bibbons, 1; C. T. Wardah, 1; N. P. Perry, 1; R. M. Brown, 1. R. D. Hill was elected.

COMMENT: Bishop King spoke concerning the men of the conference who are in far-away places, and emphasized the need for fellow ministers to write to them.

TENTH BALLOT TAKEN for reserve ministerial delegate. Ballots cast, 60; defective, 4; needed for election, 29. The vote: W. T. Handy, Jr., 1; W. T. Handy, Sr., 1; R. W. Calvin, 3; C. T. Wethers, 5; N. H. Baker, 36. N. H. Baker was elected.

PRESENTATION OF DELEGATES by Bishop King:

General Conference: *Ministerial*—George W. Carter; *Lay*—Mrs. E. J. Badgett.

Jurisdictional Conference: *Ministerial*—T. R. W. Harris, T. R. Albert; *Lay*—James Carney, J. R. Patterson.

Reserves: *Ministerial*—R. D. Hill, N. H. Baker; *Lay*—O. V. Cooper, W. R. Butler.

PRESENTATION: Brother James Carney, Layman, presented to the conference a check of \$100.00 for the Reserve Pension Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

HYMN: No. 287.

NOONDAY MESSAGE: Dr. S. H. Sweeney. Subject: "A Bird's-eye View of St. Mark Church, New York City, outlining the program of the church and its services to the community."

BENEDICTION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

MAY 6, 1955

3:00—5:00 P.M.

DEVOTIONS: Rev. S. G. Reed.

HYMN: No. 246.

PRAYER: Rev. S. G. Reed.

ADDRESS: Dr. A. Dudley Ward. Subject: "Trends in our Economic and Social Relations" (Showing a breaking down of barriers for a better Socio-Economic understanding between the Races).

ANNIVERSARY BOARD OF EVANGELISM: R. W. Calvin, Presiding.

ADDRESS: Dr. W. D. Lester, Associate Secretary of the Board of Evangelism. Subject: "Evangelistic Emphasis in the Process of Saving Souls: The Answer is God." The address was soul stirring and the challenge vital.

Bishop King presented Dr. Harry V. Richardson who brought greetings from Gammon Theological Seminary and an invitation for more men to attend Gammon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

BENEDICTION: Dr. Richardson.

EVENING SESSION

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1955

8:00 P.M.

WILEY COLLEGE CHOIR presented in concert by St. James Church and the Louisiana Conference; Gerald W. Johnson, Director; Maxine Horton, Pianist; Earl English, Organist. Dr. J. S. Scott, President of Wiley College, gave a talk about Wiley, pointing out that four bishops are Wiley graduates, and each high school principal in Shreveport from the inception of secondary education.

RECEPTION.

MORNING SESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1955

Bishop Willis J. King, Presiding

DEVOTIONS: Rev. J. F. Johnson.

HYMN: No. 236.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:1-10.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL: Rev. N. P. Perry reported on the Journal which was adapted.

QUESTIONS:

No. 32. Who have been elected elders: (a) as local preachers? None. (b) As local deacons who have been received on trial? None. (c) As conference members in the course of study? Nathaniel P. Williams. (d) Under the seminary rule? None. (e) Under the missionary rule? None.

No. 33. Who have been ordained elders? Nathaniel P. Williams.

No. 36. Who have been received by transfer? Robert F. Harrington, from the West Texas Conference, May 7, 1955.

No. 51. Is there any other business?

W. T. Handy, Jr., chairman of the Committee appointed to study the re-districting of the Conference requested that the report be deferred until later and the request was granted.

MEMORIAL: W. Scott Chinn offered a memorial to be presented to the General Conference, asking that women be admitted into the Annual Conference with full rights and privileges of the same.

After much discussion, the Memorial was defeated by the following vote. For 16 with against 79.

R. W. Calvin, Superintendent of People's Community Center read his report which was adopted.

O. C. Greene, Superintendent Lafon Old Folks Home read his annual report which was adopted.

N. P. Perry, President of the Board of Education read his report, which was adopted, the same to be highlighted in the Anniversary of the Board of Education.

Dr. O. V. Cooper, Secretary Board of Missions read their annual report which was adopted.

R. D. Hill read the report of the Reserve Pension Committee and announced that the Annuity rate for the year was \$13 and that the Conference had entered the Reserve Pension Plan. Dr. Charles H. Calkins Executive Secretary of the Board addressed the Conference relative to the Conference being able to join the Plan, which made the Louisiana Conference, the second Conference to do so, with the Texas Conference being the FIRST to do so in the Central Jurisdiction. The full report was adopted with cheers and a determination to raise the balance due in full.

W. T. Handy, Jr. offered a motion that the Communion offering be placed in the Reserve Pension Plan. Motion carried.

REPORT of the Treasurer: W. C. Haywood read the Treasurer's report which was adopted and upon motion of R. M. Brown, ordered audited and published. Reverend Haywood, submitted his resignation, which was accepted, and a rising vote of thanks tendered him for his services rendered.

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN: Rev. W. H. Davis read his report. The Conference received the report and ordered that it be completed and sent to the Secretary on motion of W. S. Chinn, seconded by Roger Transpers.

On motion of W. T. Handy, Jr., seconded by Max Butler, a rising vote of thanks was extended to W. H. Davis.

On motion of C. O. Greene, seconded by C. E. Castain, a rising vote of thanks was extended to W. C. Haywood.

NOMINATIONS FOR STATISTICIAN: Ellis Slater was nominated. Carl T. Wethers and C. O. Greene also named, but both declined the nominations. On motion of C. O. Greene, Ellis Slater was elected statistician by unanimous vote of the Conference.

NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER: The following names were presented: Carl T. Wethers, N. H. Baker, William R. London, Jr., C. O. Greene, LeRoy Fields. Disciplinary rules eliminated Reverends Greene and Fields as Recipients of Conference Funds. No. of votes received: Wethers, 23; Baker, 17; London, 42. Majority needed, 42. William R. London, Jr. was elected Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS: LeRoy Fields presented the cases of W. H. Willis and Edward Kennedy, requesting status on special appointment.

THE VOTE: W. H. Willis—Conference ordered special appointment status. Edward Kennedy—Continued on trial and advanced to studies of the second year. It has moved and carried that Edward Kennedy be included under special appointment at Southern University.

RESOLUTION: W. Scott Chinn presented a memorial to the Jurisdiction asking the appointment of Bishop King to the New Orleans Area. Motion made by T. R. W. Harris, seconded by J. R. Patterson and carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1955

E. A. Mays, Presiding

DEVOTIONS: Bishop Willis J. King.

HYMN: No. 231.

REPORT OF WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE COMMISSION read by W. T. Handy, Sr. who moved the adoption. Seconded by J. F. Johnson. Carried.

REPORT ON ADVANCE SPECIALS: Adopted on motion of W. T. Handy, Sr., seconded by J. R. Johnson.

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION: N. P. Perry read the report naming W. S. P. Norris as chairman and Carl T. Wethers as a member of the Board.

PROGRAM OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT GULFSIDE presented by Robert F. Harrington.

COMMITTEE ON MINIMUM SALARY ANNOUNCED (See list).

It was moved by W. T. Handy, Sr., seconded by T. R. Albert, that after the reading of conference appointments, the conference be adjourned *sine die*.

It was moved and seconded that all reports that had not been read

would be filed with the Secretary for printing in the Conference Journal.
Carried.

BENEDICTION.

AFTERNOON SESSION

3:00-5:45 P.M.

YOUTH PROGRAM

E. A. Mays, Presiding

DEVOTIONS: Rev. Arthur Robinson, Jr.

ADDRESS: Rev. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr.

YOUNG ADULTS PROGRAM: Rev. N. P. Perry.

Youth Choirs of Shreveport District.

Webster Parish Training School Choir.

Booker T. Washington High School Choir.

OFFERING—ANNOUNCEMENTS: INTRODUCTIONS—BENEDICTION.

EVENING SESSION

6:00—7:00 P.M.

ORDINATION SERVICE

Bishop Willis J. King, Presiding

MUSIC: St. James Choir.

HYMNS: No. 267, 268.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:1-23.

PRAYER: Rev. LeRoy Fields.

ORDINATION MESSAGE: "Some Requisites for the Work of a Preacher," Bishop Willis J. King. Emphasis: Acts 9:23—"What will Thou have me to do."

8:00—9:30 P.M.

ANNIVERSARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

N. P. Perry, Presiding

DEVOTIONS: Youth Worship Committee.

GREETINGS: Rev. Bentley Sloane, Executive Secretary, Board of Education, Louisiana Conference, South Central Jurisdiction.

MUSIC: Booker T. Washington High School.

ADDRESS: Dr. Daniel C. Thompson, of Dillard University.

OFFERING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, INTRODUCTIONS, BENEDICTION.

MORNING SESSION

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1955

9:00—10:30 A.M.

Rev. N. H. Baker, Presiding

CHURCH SCHOOL: Rev. E. A. Mays and Mrs. L. C. Johnson, Superintendents.

DEVOTIONS: Rev. LeRoy Fields.

NOON SESSION

11:00—12:00

Rev. N. H. Baker, Presiding

DEVOTIONS.

SERMON: Bishop Willis J. King. Subject: "The Blessings of Adversity," Hosea 2:15. The Bishop made a special plea for help on the church debt and gave \$100 for himself and Mrs. King, many gave \$25 and lesser amounts. The total offering was \$1,030.57.

OFFERING: \$1,030.57.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR P. M. JONES: \$90.44.

Rev. J. C. Calvin, pastor, on behalf of the trustees and members, made expression of thanks on behalf of St. James Church for the offering of \$1,030.57.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES read by Mrs. T. M. Johnson and adopted on motion by W. S. P. Norris, seconded by W. T. Handy, Jr.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL read by Mrs. Carlaysia V. Webb, and adopted on motion by N. P. Perry, properly seconded.

It was moved by W. Scott Chinn and seconded by G. E. Zilton that the minutes as corrected by the Committee on Journal be adopted as the official proceedings of the Conference. Carried.

Certificates of Retirement presented to P. M. Jones and J. C. Williams.

THE READING OF THE APPOINTMENTS FOR 1955-56.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

BENEDICTION.

ADJOURNMENT.

IV.

APPOINTMENTS

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

1955-56

LeRoy Fields, District Superintendent, 1226 Dare St., Baton Rouge, La.

CHARGE	PASTOR	ADDRESS
Andrew Circuit, Richard H. Harry, 755 S. Cane St., Opelousas, La.		
Baton Rouge:		
	Camphor, Arthur A. Robinson, Jr., 1145 Teal St., Baton Rouge, La.	
	Hughes, W. D. Martin, 1041 N. 38th St., Baton Rouge, La.	
	Jordan, Wilbert C. August, 4605 Stearn St., Baton Rouge, La.	
	Neely, L. H. P. Norris, 945 E. Washington St., Baton Rouge, La.	
	St. Mark, J. D. McCrory, 149 N. 14th St., Baton Rouge, La.	
	Wesley, T. R. Albert, 605 France St., Baton Rouge, La.	
Clinton Circuit, Garfield Robinson, Clinton, La.		
Denham Springs Circuit, Edgar Smith, Box 803, Denham Springs, La.		
Donaldsonville Circuit, John M. McCallum, 215 Claiborne St., Donaldsonville, La.		
Lettsworth Circuit, (Isaiah McCoy), New Roads, La.		
Lobdell Circuit, (Willie R. Lafayette), 1081 N. 44th St., Baton Rouge, La.		
Maringouin Circuit, (R. M. Harris), Box 78, Maringouin, La.		
Melville Circuit, (Adam Franklin), New Roads, La.		
Norwood Circuit, (Albert M. Williams), Wilson, La.		
Port Allen, W. H. Davis, 310 Atchafalaya St., Port Allen, La.		
Plaquemine Circuit, (C. L. Franklin), 913 Court St., Plaquemine, La.		
Rosedale Circuit, (B. T. Branch), Rosedale, La.		
St. Peter Circuit, (Alexander Harding), R. F. D. 1, Clinton, La.		
Springfield Circuit, (Ameal D. Ennis), Box 102, Greenwell Springs, La.		
Zachary Circuit, (David Lockhart), Denham Springs, La.		
District Missionary Secretary—Arthur A. Robinson, Jr.		
District Secretary of Evangelism—L. H. P. Norris.		
District Secretary of Temperance—T. R. Albert.		

FRANKLIN DISTRICT

T. E. McElroy, District Superintendent, 724 Sixth St., Morgan City, La.

CHARGE	PASTOR	ADDRESS
Baldwin, A. L. Hook, Sager-Brown Home, Baldwin, La.		
Charenton, (Marshall Wesley), Rt. 1—Box 2, Jeanerette, La.		
Franklin Circuit, S. J. Thomas, 910 First St., Franklin, La.		
Hahnville, (Eddie Carter), 915 Severn St., New Orleans, La.		
Houma Circuit, T. J. Bridgett, 509 Canal St., Houma, La.		
Jeanerette Circuit, V. S. Byounne, 1401 Railroad Ave., Jeanerette, La.		
LaPlace, (H. B. F. Charles), 2341 Pauger St., New Orleans, La.		
Lutcher Circuit, (H. J. Rhyan), Lutcher, La.		
Morgan City Circuit, T. E. McElroy, 724 Sixth St., Morgan City, La.		
Mt. Zion, Crawford, (King Alexander), Rt. 1—Box 6, Jeanerette, La.		
Napoleonville Circuit, Blackman Hall, Napoleonville, La.		
New Iberia, J. F. Johnson, 549 E. St. Peter St., New Iberia, La.		
Olivia Circuit, (Walter Barabin), Box 321, Jeanerette, La.		
Patotville Circuit, (Miller Poledore), Rt. 1—Box 287, Jeanerette, La.		
St. Martinville Circuit, (E. L. Berry), 121 W. Hyacinth St., St. Martinville, La.		

St. Peter Circuit, (L. A. Williams) ,Rt. 1—Box 2, Jeanerette, La.
 Thibodaux Circuit, A. D. Edwards, 305 E. 7th St., Thibodaux, La.
 Woodlawn, (Peter Hayes), Rt. 2—Box 466, Napoleonville, La.

District Missionary Secretary—A. D. Edwards.

District Secretary of Evangelism—V. S. Byoune.

District Secretary of Temperance—J. F. Johnson.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

R. M. Brown, District Superintendent, 113 E. Clinton St., Lafayette, La.

CHARGE	PASTOR	ADDRESS
Alexandria:		
	Newman, W. T. Handy, Jr.,	1616 Eighth St., Alexandria, La.
	Wilton, T. H. Sampson,	1516 Turner St., Alexandria, La.
Booneville-Cheneyville Circuit, C. E. Castain, 1615 Hardtner St., Alexandria, La.		
Boyce Circuit, (C. H. Green), Box 47, Boyce, La.		
Bunkie Circuit, T. J. Welton, 205 Ebony St., Bunkie, La.		
Campti Circuit, J. W. Jones, Box 139, Campti, La.		
Cane River Circuit, (E. L. Dotson), Boyce, La.		
Colfax, (C. H. Walls), Many, La.		
Lafayette Circuit, Ellis C. Slater, 513 E. Main St., Lafayette, La.		
Lake Charles:		
	Warren, W. T. Handy, Sr.,	220 Franklin St., Lake Charles, La.
Leesville, (Alford Hall), 618 Lafayette St., Natchitoches, La.		
Magda-Melder Circuit, (Taft Bowie), 2805 Second St., Alexandria, La.		
Natchitoches, Roger Transpers, 704 Fifth St., Natchitoches, La.		
New Town-Lime Kiln Circuit, (Percy Smith), 2633 Harrison St., Alexandria, La.		
Opelousas, J. S. Dickson, 601 S. Market St., Opelousas, La.		
Pine Flat, To be supplied.		
Pineville, (J. C. Williams), Box 369, Pineville, La.		
Washington Circuit, (James Smith), Box 241, Washington, La.		
Welsh-Jennings, (S. P. Sanford), 205 King St., Welsh, La.		
	District Missionary Secretary—W. T. Handy, Sr.	
	District Secretary of Evangelism—C. E. Castain.	
	District Secretary of Temperance—Ellis C. Slater.	

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

George W. Carter, District Superintendent, 2021 Louisiana Ave.,

New Orleans, La.

CHARGE	PASTOR	ADDRESS
Algiers-Asbury, D. L. Davidson, 1817 Andry St., New Orleans, La.		
Angie, A. E. Franklin, Box 23, Angie, La.		
Bogalusa, O. W. Christopher, 618 Columbia St., Bogalusa, La.		
Brooks, C. O. Greene, 4038 Buchanan St., New Orleans, La.		
First Street, T. R. W. Harris, 2309 Dryades St., New Orleans, La.		
Franklinton, L. A. Lester, Box 386, Franklinton, La.		
Grace, N. H. Baker, 217 N. Prieur St., New Orleans, La.		
Gretna, (W. C. Haywood), 412 Socrates St., Algiers, La.		
Hartzell, N. P. Williams, 1450 St. Claude Ave., New Orleans, La.		
Haven, S. G. Reed, 8514 Plum Ct., New Orleans, La.		
Kenner-Ross, C. D. Small, 409 Harlem Ave., New Orleans, La.		
LaHarpe, C. H. Hayes, 1823 LaHarpe St., New Orleans, La.		
Mandeville, (J. L. Wesley), 9222 Nelson St., New Orleans, La.		
Mt. Zion, R. D. Hill, 2700 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans, La.		
Peck, William R. London, Jr., 2525 Peniston St., New Orleans, La.		

Peoples, S. W. Walker, 2001 Simon Bolivar Ave., New Orleans, La.
 Philip Memorial, C. T. Wethers, 2433 Third St., New Orleans, La.
 Ray Avenue, (Syprian Barze), 2117 Perdido St., New Orleans, La.
 Saint Philip, Max R. Butler, 3400 Delachaise St., New Orleans, La.
 Shaw Temple, J. C. Bibbons, 9014 Palm St., New Orleans, La.
 Slidell, J. W. Wilson, 544 Brakefield St., Slidell, La.
 Thompson, T. R. Wallace, 1023 St. Roch Ave., New Orleans, La.
 Trinity, R. F. Harrington, 631 Baronne Street, New Orleans, La.
 Wesley, G. E. Zilton, 2628 Soniat St., New Orleans, La.
 Williams, F. D. Timmons, 7512 Pearl St., New Orleans, La.

District Missionary Secretary—William R. London, Jr.

District Secretary of Evangelism—F. D. Timmons.

District Secretary of Temperance—C. O. Greene.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

R. S. Taylor, District Superintendent, 3107 Jackson St., Monroe, La.

CHARGE	PASTOR	ADDRESS
Bastrop:		
	Mt. Olive, E. J. Wise,	239 Pruett Street, Bastrop, La.
	Washington Circuit, R. S. Murray,	1605 Desiard St., Monroe, La.
	Belcher, (A. L. Moch),	3005 Waco Street, Shreveport, La.
	Bonita, (Sandy Facen),	Box 365, Lake Providence, La.
	Grand Bayou Circuit, (Eugene A. Brown),	210 Louisiana Avenue, Shreveport, La.
Keithville:		
	Fairview, (A. J. McCoy),	400 Christian St., Shreveport, La.
	McDonald, (Lee C. Jennings),	Rt. 3—Box 187, Benton, La.
	Lake Providence, (James Johnson),	Box 741, Lake Providence, La.
	Logansport, (A. L. White, Sr.),	1220 Vaughn St., Shreveport, La.
	Longstreet Circuit, (James Sudds),	Rt. 1—Box 43, Mansfield, La.
Mansfield:		
	Mansfield Circuit, J. E. Brown,	938 Polk St., Mansfield, La.
	Mt. Carmel Circuit, (H. K. White, Jr.),	Rt. 1—Box 265, Shreveport, La.
	Thomas Circuit, Zachary Smalley,	2203 Marion St., Shreveport, La.
Many Circuit, (F. G. Thomas), General Delivery, Many, La.		
Monroe:		
	St. James, C. T. Wardah,	914 Adams Street, Monroe, La.
	St. Paul Circuit, F. W. Thomas,	3103 Jackson St., Monroe, La.
	Pelican Circuit, (William Tate),	Rt. 1, Pelican, La.
	Pleasant Hill Circuit, (J. W. Washington),	Box 306, Pleasant Hill, La.
Shreveport:		
	Daniel Chapel, (E. T. Gipson),	5936 Second St., Shreveport, La.
	Fairfield, Hubbard Daniels,	5720 Linwood Ave., Shreveport, La.
	Jewella, (B. J. Haynes),	1801 St. Paul St., Shreveport, La.
	Johnson Chapel, (A. L. White, Sr.),	1220 Vaughn St., Shreveport, La.
	Round Grove, (B. F. Brown),	1119 Norma St., Shreveport, La.
	St. James, J. C. Calvin,	850 Hope Street, Shreveport, La.
	St. Paul, W. S. P. Norris,	1852 Abbie St., Shreveport, La.
	Trenton, (F. L. Bailey),	1631 Cox St., Shreveport, La.
	Vanceville Circuit, C. J. Harrison,	506 E. 72nd St., Shreveport, La.
	District Missionary Secretary—	W. S. P. Norris.
	District Secretary of Evangelism—	C. J. Harrison.
	District Secretary of Temperance—	Hubbard Daniels.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Chaplain, United States Army—Augustus G. Spears.

Chaplain, State Industrial School for Colored Youths, Scotlandville,
La.—Willie H. Willis.

Conference Secretary of Evangelism—R. W. Calvin.

Conference Missionary Secretary—J. C. Calvin.

Conference Executive Secretary of Christian Education—E. A. Mays.

Superintendent Peoples Community Center—R. W. Calvin.

Superintendent Lafon Old Folks Home—C. O. Greene.

Left without appointment to attend school—Warren W. Sartor,
Lloyd C. Honore, Edward A. Kennedy, Donald Frank, Nathaniel P.
Perry, Mose Pleasure, Jr.

V.

REPORTS

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS

Louisiana Conference—1954-1955

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Conference

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

At the close of the last session of our conference, held at Mt. Zion Methodist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, our beloved Bishop sent the members of the Conference, along with the Approved Supply Pastors, to do the work of evangelists. They were to go forth in the spirit of the Master into the highways and hedges and compel men to come into the Kingdom. They were charged to preach, visit the sick, build and beautify churches, et cetera, and to do their best in all areas of Kingdom building. The superintendents, in this composite report, will make an effort to report to you the results of their varied activities. It should be said that in a composite report every detail will not be lifted up, due to lack of time and space; however, an effort will be made to lift up the highlights on the several districts as reflected in the reports of the five District Superintendents, as follows:

Health of the Pastors

We have every reason to be thankful to Almighty God for the preservation of our lives, inasmuch as three of the districts report no deaths of ministers, although many of the strong members of the churches have passed to their rewards. Two deaths are recorded; namely, one retired minister in the person of the late Rev. Wade H. Hampton, and a minister in the effective relation, the late Rev. A. M. Taylor. Some rather serious illnesses in the ranks should be noted: Rev. J. C. Calvin, our host pastor, underwent a rather serious operation but, as we see, he is up again and carrying on, for which we give thanks. Brother P. M. Jones, who is being retired this year is very ill, as well as Rev. J. D. David, who was retired at the 1954 conference session. An almost unlimited number could be listed of others of our ministers and ministers' wives who had some sickness; but in it all and out of it all, the Lord has saved us by His grace, for which we are most thankful.

Institutions in the Conference

All of the institutions seem to be making progress. Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, under the able leadership of Dr. A. W. Dent, reports its best year, with a large enrollment. A \$525,000.00 chapel is now under construction and will be in readiness to serve as the meeting place of the 1956 session of the Central Jurisdictional Conference.

Rev. C. O. Greene, Superintendent of the Lafon Old Folks Home, New Orleans, Louisiana, reports a banner year. It is serving the City of New Orleans in an admirable way. Another home in the city suffered an unfortunate fire not long ago and several were burned to death. The Welfare Department of New Orleans secured the services of the Lafon Old Folks Home to house the others until such time as they can be placed elsewhere. Mr. Alvin Bynum, a member of Mt. Zion Church, New Orleans, is public relations man.

The Peoples Methodist Community Center, under the leadership of the Reverend Richard W. Calvin, Superintendent, is proving itself more and more as a real community agency. The Center is supported by funds from the Division of National Missions, New York, and the United Fund of New Orleans. To show how well Rev. Calvin is administering the

affairs of the Center, it can be said that the Board of Missions looks upon the Peoples Community Center as a kind of show place for those who would pass by and observe the many activities carried on there. The United Fund not only granted its requested budget for this year's operation, but asked the Superintendent to request additional funds for the budget.

We should mention also that at the Lafon Old Folks Home, under the direction of the Brooks Methodist Church, there has been installed a Community Playground to which many children and young people go for supervised play.

Flint-Goodridge Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, is serving in a rather special way. They now have an "Advisory Board" and the Reverend Robert D. Hill and Bishop Willis J. King are members of the board.

The Central Christian Advocate, under the able editorship of Dr. Prince A. Taylor, tells its own story. All of us admire the editorials and the new look the paper has under the new arrangement. Special attention is given to the many fine articles now appearing from the pens of some in our conference.

Sager-Brown Home and Goodman School serves to foster minor children and safeguard their health and give them basic and elementary training. This job is ably carried forward under the leadership of Miss Rosa Ann Cobb.

Information coming from Mrs. Inez Chrisentery, Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service reports the work of that organization is progressing on a very high level. Reverends LeRoy Fields, Baton Rouge District; T. E. McElroy, Franklin District; R. M. Brown, Lake Charles District; W. T. Handy, New Orleans District; and N. H. Baker, Shreveport District, all have good reports of the work of the W.S.C.S. under their several District Presidents.

Under Mrs. Eola Lyons Baker, Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild and Chief Anesthetist at Flint-Goodridge Hospital, it is reported that several new organizations have been set in motion this year.

Let it be said that much of the progress being made is due to the presence of Bishop Willis J. King, our able resident Bishop, who has given inspiration to all that is being accomplished.

Christian Education

The Conference leadership, as well as the General Board of Education, recognize the need for improving our educational program so as to make more effective the religious lives of our constituency. Much stress has been laid upon this matter, since we are still in the period established by the General Conference as "Youth Emphasis" years. Some gains have been made in the field, and under the leadership of the Reverend E. A. Mays the five areas of emphasis for the Methodist Youth Fellowship have been gone into at length. The "Spring Round-up" was a special feature. Institutes have been held on all districts, along with workshops and other levels of activity. One of the major problems has been that of getting trained workers with youth to work in the church schools, etc. Several meetings have been carried on with intermediates, young adults, and adults. We note also that Reverend Mays has given leadership to "Family Life Conferences," one of which was held recently at the Peoples Community Center, and it is expected that much good will result. Among these varied programs, one seems worthy of special mention: During the week leading up to Race Relations Day, there was an inter-racial MYF meeting and program held at Dillard University, under the direction of the MYF groups of the Central and South Central Jurisdictions. The idea was suggested by Dr. Virgil D. Morris, District Superintendent of the New Orleans District, South Central Jurisdiction. Some 250 or 300 youth and counselors were in attendance. It is most encouraging to observe that the superintendents all gave good reports on progress in the matter of Daily Vacation Church Schools. This activity

is now looked upon as a must; more churches are conducting them each year, which is made possible because of training workshops held for those who work in these schools in preparation for the performance of their tasks.

Benevolences

While our beloved Bishop sent us out last year to do the work of "evangelists," it was expected that we would also raise the benevolences. It is known that the world-wide program of Methodism must have funds for such an operation. "World Service," as it is called, has been referred to as the "life blood" of Methodism in its far-flung approach to world redemption. The upward of one hundred colleges, universities, secondary schools, hospitals, homes for aged and youth—to say nothing of the hundreds of missionaries at home and abroad—must be supported. It is certainly prophetic that the "people called Methodists" in Louisiana do not mind supporting such a program. We offer such support through what we call the "Conference Budget" and other funds. At a recent meeting of the Cabinet, the Superintendents reported funds raised to that date for the Budget in the amount of \$24,666.33, or 90.89% of a budget set at \$27,142.34. It is expected that the Treasurer will report the full amount at this session.

The Reserve Pension Fund

We are pleased to know that our Conference is right on the verge of entering the Reserve Pension Plan directed by the Board of Pensions, Chicago, Illinois. The goal for entrance is \$90,000.00, but it has been worked out that the Conference may enter when it has raised \$60,000.00. At our last conference session it was voted to "go all out" in an effort to bring our funds up to the \$60,000.00 mark, and a goal of \$14,000.00 was set up as one of the objectives for this conference year. That amount was broken down to the established percentages of quotas for the districts. At the Cabinet meeting previously referred to, it was reported that \$9,150.73 of the \$14,000.00 had been raised. It is hoped that when all reports are in we will have raised the total amount. Aside from the \$14,000.00, there is an item of 2% from the pastors. The superintendents have stressed the importance of all pastors paying this 2% of their salaries. Things look bright for our actually entering the Reserve Pension Plan at this Conference.

Lay Activities

Someone has said that The Methodist Church has the finest program of Lay Activities to be found in any of the leading Protestant bodies. This program is designed to strengthen the work of the local church. Some of the finest literature on the market is furnished our laymen, which, if carried out, will pay off in financial returns and in the spiritual uplift of our people. It can be said that under the progressive leadership of our Conference Lay Leader, Mr. J. R. Patterson, our laymen have been hard at work. The report of the lay leader will reflect the details of their activities. Mr. Patterson has spearheaded a program, with the help of his associate lay leaders, to purchase district parsonages. The one at New Orleans, purchased for about \$15,000.00, has been paid down to \$1,200.00. The general slogan our laymen have had is "Better and more adequate support for the ministers." The laymen, through their efforts, have paid off in increased benevolences.

Evangelism

Evangelistic fires have been made to burn throughout the districts in most of the churches. All districts have shown some increase in conversions and accessions. Dr. Walker, from the General Board of Evangelism, came in among us and conducted workshops with ministers and laymen in preparation for the evangelistic program known as the "Four

Nights for God." In most of the districts emphasis was also placed on the program in the church known as the "Bishop's Crusade for World Order." Several thousand copies of the study booklet, "Plowshares and Pruning Hooks," were distributed, and pastors led their congregations in the study of this booklet to great profit to ministers and laymen. The District Secretaries of Evangelism have done great work in their field. Notable among these are the Reverends V. S. Byoune, of the Franklin District, and C. J. Harrison, of the Shreveport District. The Shreveport District has shown an increase of some 125 new members. Mention should also be made of a very significant meeting with the Chairmen of Commissions, spearheaded by Bishop Willis J. King and Dr. J. A. Engle, of the Board of Missions. Nearly 150 of these chairmen of commissions were assembled at Mt. Zion Church, New Orleans; and representatives from the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Education, the Board of Missions, and the Board of Lay Activities gave the leadership. This was the only such meeting held in the Central Jurisdiction. In it, tithing was stressed and the seed sown for our members to become tithers.

The Lifting of Debts

For some years now, the Conference has been embarrassed by the fact that some of our churches owe money to the Board of National Missions, some having paid nothing on either principal or interest. This matter became a chief concern of our bishop, and he assumed command of the matter and, after consulting with the superintendents, undertook to do something about it. The report now shows that in almost every case the interest has been brought up to date, even if the principal has not been cleared; and in some cases the notes have been paid in advance. Under Rev. A. L. Hook, the debt has been paid in full at Baldwin, and the one at Thibodaux, under Rev. A. D. Edwards, has almost been liquidated. Rev. W. H. Davis, at Port Allen, has done well with that situation. Rev. C. T. Wardah, at Bastrop, and Rev. P. M. Jones, of Wilton Church, Alexandria, have satisfied their creditors. At Booneville, under Rev. C. E. Castain, and at Mansfield, under Rev. J. E. Brown, obligations have also been met. St. Mark, Baton Rouge, with Rev. J. D. McCrory, pastor, has successfully brought the debt down. Rev. McCrory is undoubtedly one of our successful pastors. With this kind of progress, our Conference will have at an early date all debts with the Division of National Missions well in hand. Mt. Zion, New Orleans, under the efficient guidance of Rev. Robert D. Hill, has reduced its \$40,000.00 debt to approximately \$14,000.00. A great work is being done there.

Too much praise cannot be given Rev. J. C. Calvin and the good people of St. James, Shreveport, for the magnificent manner in which they are taking care of the obligations there. The note on that church is \$1,500.00 a quarter, and this debt has been met each quarter, despite the serious illness of Rev. Calvin. The work has also gone forward at Wilton, Alexandria, despite the illness of Rev. P. M. Jones for most of this conference year. Rev. L. A. Lester, at Winan Chapel, Franklinton, is up to date with his debt. There, just recently, we held a most successful District Conference. Such is also the case at Lake Providence.

Building and Improvement

It is pretty generally agreed that economically things are tapering off and shifting from a war economy to normalcy. In the process, it is expected that there may be some unemployment in the State, and hence money is not as plentiful as was true during war years, when money was earned at the expense of dying youth. However, when the record is read it is amazing to see just what has been done. Throughout the Conference improvements have been made in building new churches, parsonages, renovating old ones, purchasing new sites, etc. St. Peter, Jeanerette, has added an annex, put in new windows and reconditioned

inside, under Rev. A. L. Williams. Olevia Circuit, under Brother Barabin, now has a new foundation, rooms have been added, and new chairs purchased for the platform. Rev. H. J. Rhyan has added an annex to his church. Rev. McElroy has done \$600.00 worth of repairs at Morgan City on the church and parsonage. Campti Church must be rebuilt, and \$1,400.00 has been raised for this purpose. A new site has been purchased at Lafayette. Rev. W. T. Handy, Jr., and the Newman congregation are now in their new church, which was opened on Easter Sunday by Bishop King. The total outlay, including the lot, amounts to \$115,000.00. Rev. R. M. Brown reports that the Quarterly Conference voted to invite the 1956 session of the Louisiana Annual Conference to Newman. Rev. C. T. Wethers, pastor, has done \$1,200.00 worth of repairs to the Warren Church at Lake Charles.

Rev. LeRoy Fields, of the Baton Rouge District, reports that Jordan Chapel has been built at a cost of \$19,000.00. Rev. Wilbert C. August is the energetic pastor. Their debt will not exceed \$8,000.00. They have only 70 members. Rev. Isaiah McCoy has led the people of Torris to build their church, 26x40, and a debt remains of only about \$600.00. Camphor Memorial, Rev. Arthur Robinson, pastor, is making progress on their \$50,000.00 church. They have added \$2,000.00 to the building fund. Wesley Church, under Rev. T. R. Albert, is making great progress. Property adjoining the church has been purchased, and they look forward to a greater Wesley. Someone has said that the janitor at Wesley has more work to do: he has to keep the balcony clear for the overflow gatherings. Rev. Albert is quite a preacher.

Because of the wide area of the Shreveport District, three sub-districts obtain. A new church has gone up at Trenton, under Rev. C. C. Smith. The Division of National Missions donated to Pleasant Valley \$600.00. It is said to be the crowning effort of Rev. Smith's ministry. Brother W. S. P. Norris has done a grand job at old St. Paul. Along with all of this improvement on the Shreveport District, Brother Baker reports that much has been done for the spiritual life of the district. He points out that Mrs. Medlock, of St. James Church, Monroe, has given fine leadership to the District W.S.C.S.; and speaks in the highest terms of the leadership and achievements of our tireless worker, the Reverend Robert S. Taylor. Brother Baker states that all of the men have done well, but that one church on the district is in a coma.

The Superintendent of the New Orleans District also reports progress in building and improvements. It is to be regretted that time and space will not permit mentioning all. We can say, however, that all of the men have done their jobs in an excellent way. Rev. A. L. Davidson, pastor of Algiers-Asbury, has sold his people on a \$10,000.00 building program. Angie, under Rev. A. E. Franklin, has set aside \$2,000.00 for their building fund and have voted a salary of \$2,640.00 for next year. Rev. O. W. Christopher had his best year at Bogalusa: Harry's Chapel is now in the process of building a new church. Funds for building purposes at Brooks Church, under Rev. C. O. Greene, have been raised to \$13,000.00. New pews have been installed at First Street, costing about \$5,000.00. Rev. T. R. W. Harris has done a magnificent job there. The leaders of the Town and Country Conference, to be held during the summer, have asked for a church that has been built in a small town that might be used on display at the national conference. Franklinton has been selected. Renovations have gone forward at Grace, with Dr. G. W. Carter, pastor, in the lead. The parsonage has been renovated, inside and out.

There is a debt of \$3,500.00 at Gretna. The \$500.00 payment and the \$210.00 interest obligation have been met, under Rev. W. C. Haywood. Another \$1,000.00 has been added to the building fund at Hartzell, under the leadership of the Reverend N. P. Williams. Rev. F. D. Timmons is now closing his best year at Haven. Mrs. Timmons won the honor of being "Mrs. New Orleans District" in a recent contest, when she reported \$253.00. Rev. S. W. Walker is keeping up with the debt at Peoples. The note is \$185.00 per month. With some \$2,800.00 in the building

fund, Peck Church, under Rev. William R. London, Jr., is now ready to build as soon as certain details are cleared. Rev. E. J. Wise has raised more than \$3,000.00 for the building fund at Philip Memorial and they are about ready to build. The congregation formerly known as Gentilly Mission has been incorporated, and is now named the "Ray Avenue Methodist Church," with Rev. S. Barze pastor.

One would hardly know the St. Philip Church now, led by the Reverend Max R. Butler, who has bought the old pews from First Street Church for cash. Rev. C. D. Small has added rest rooms to Shaw Temple, and has installed a new organ. The Reverend A. M. Taylor passed during the year, and the Reverend R. W. Calvin finished out the year there. He has made a round report for the church, and has also done his job as superintendent of the Peoples Community Center. Rev. J. W. Wilson has closed another successful year at Slidell. Along with his general leadership, he has had an increase at the parsonage. Some repairs have been done at Thompson, under Rev. T. R. Wallace, whose health is improving greatly.

Last year, the Trinity parsonage was "condemned." Rev. N. P. Perry has renovated it, and is now occupying the parsonage. About \$2,000.00 worth of repairs were done on the church also. Rev. Perry has given great leadership to Trinity. He installed a financial system that has really paid off. In the moving of Mother Wesley from S. Liberty Street, some of the members did not follow to the new site—namely, Mt. Zion on Jackson Avenue. Rev. G. E. Zilton, however, has wrought well there, and it is reported that he has installed a checking system bank account that is designated to lift Wesley. In order to help, the District Conference will meet there next year. Rev. S. G. Reed is closing his ninth year at Williams, and has done a good year's work. A new parsonage has been built at LaHarpe, under Rev. C. H. Hayes, debt free. Mandeville, under J. D. Wesley's leadership, has a new parsonage and a renovated church. He is finishing his ninth year.

It has come to the attention of the conference that at the recent meeting of the Council of Bishops applause by the other Bishops greeted the reading of the report for General Advance Specials for the New Orleans Area, under the gallant leadership of Bishop Willis J. King. The Superintendents would have the conference know that when glory and applause come to our Bishop, the same comes to every pastor in the Area.

Thanks and Appreciation

The District Superintendents have asked the writer to express to Bishop King and every pastor and layman in the conference our thanks and appreciation for support given the total program of the Church. We must lift up our heads and throw back our chests when we take cognizance of the inspiration and guidance given us by our Bishop. Where he leads us, we will follow.

The Swan Song

It is recorded of one of the members of the feathered tribe, the swan, that just before his death he comes out with a weird scream, known as his "swan song." Your indulgence is sought in this closing word, since this is the writer's last and final report. Let me sing my "swan song" as a district superintendent. Let me say that I will be relieved of my duties as superintendent of the New Orleans District at the close of this conference. It has been a pleasure to have served the New Orleans District during these years. Thanks and appreciation must be given all of the pastors and laymen of the New Orleans District for fine co-operation. As we look back over the work during my tenure in office, some few things have been done. After checking the figures, we are happy to say that during these six years there has been expended on the district for building and improvement \$325,000.00; and it is also noted that in the several treasuries of the charges there still remains a sum

of not less than \$75,000.00 for building purposes. There is \$25,000.00 on hand at Philip Memorial for this purpose.

Some years ago, while at Tuskegee Institute, there was being held a medical association meeting. One of the physicians, responding to the welcome address, made a very far-reaching statement which I will repeat briefly here, to express our sentiments. He said that some men were out fishing in a small craft. Somehow the little boat turned over and the four men were thrown out. A lifeguard on the shore saw them and rushed to rescue them. He was successful in bringing back alive three of them, but the fourth, when he went back, was going down the third time and drowned. In the effort to rescue, the lifeguard was drowned. When they brought him back to shore and were trying to save him, the lifeguard was heard trying to make some kind of a statement. He whispered the word, "Best . . . best . . . best." Leaning down closer to hear what he was saying, it was discovered that he was trying to say, "I did not save them all, but I have done my best." The superintendents, at the close of this conference year, and as the New Orleans District Superintendent finishes his term, all agree to the statement, "Best . . . best . . . best! We have not saved them all, but we have done our best." We have not built all of the churches and parsonages, or raised all the funds as we would have liked, but in it all, let it be said that we, Reverends LeRoy Fields, T. E. McElroy, R. M. Brown, W. Talbot Handy, Sr., and N. H. Baker, have done or best.

W. TALBOT HANDY, SR.
District Superintendents

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 1955

Bishop King and Members of the Conference:

Your Board of Education comes to give account of its work for the year 1954-1955. We feel it a high privilege and sacred trust to have supervision of this most important work in the Conference. Through the work of our Executive Secretary and the fine volunteer staff across the Conference, the program of Christian Education has moved progressively forward.

Our Quadrennial Goals in Christian Education 1952-56

1. That each local church organize a Commission on Education and receive guidance in developing its program of work.

2. That each local church elect an assistant superintendent of membership cultivation, as set forth in the 1952 *Discipline*.

3. That each local church heed the challenge of the General Conference to provide a more adequate program for youth, enlist more youth, and train more adequate adult leadership for youth.

4. That each local church enlist and train more leaders for the total educational work of the church.

5. That the local church Commission on Education and the Commission on Evangelism work in close cooperation; that training classes, under the guidance of pastors, be provided for training of children and youth for church membership, use being made of the Membership Manual.

6. That the Conference Board of Education cooperate with the Board of Evangelism in planning evangelistic work camps for youth.

7. That special emphasis be given to home and church cooperation in the work of Christian Education.

8. That programs be developed by which local churches and our Methodist colleges be properly related; and that local churches cooperate in getting strong Wesley Foundation programs and the total Methodist Student Work organized.

9. That each annual conference set as a minimum goal a church school membership to equal 60 per cent of the total church membership.

Recommendations

1. That the annual conference carry forward the program as previously outlined at the beginning of the quadrennium:

(A) October: Leadership training.

November: Work getting Wesley Foundations in colleges and Methodist Student Clubs on our college campuses.

January-March: Evangelism in church school.

April: Youth and adult workers with youth.

2. That September of each year be a month of planning in Christian Education in the districts and local churches.

3. That October of each year be used to stress the annual program of leadership education.

4. That our conference cooperate in the church-wide plan to reach more youth with a better program of Christian Education.

5. That our Annual Conference set a time for special emphasis on church school membership and attendance, with attention being given to improving our nursery departments and adult home programs.

6. That coaching conferences and workshops provide for more adequate leadership in our vacation church schools, assemblies, youth activities week, intermediate adventure week.

7. That there be appointed a strong annual conference Committee on Family Life, and that this committee, with the assistance of the executive secretary, be responsible for setting up Family Life Conference Committees on the conference, district, and local church levels; and that at least one family life conference be held on each district for the conference year 1955-56. This will necessitate organizing a good committee in each district and each local church.

8. That the chairman of the Committee on Christian Vocations will hold a conference-wide meeting on Christian Vocations in the conference year 1955-56.

9. We recommend the continuance of Rev. E. A. Mays as Executive Secretary of Christian Education.

10. We further recommend that the matter of volunteer staff be left with the Executive Secretary.

The Board of Education feels richly rewarded and greatly indebted to Mrs. Marion D. Walker for the work she has done with the small church. We hope the pastors who have used Mrs. Walker in the eight small churches will want her on a return visit to follow up the work she has so nobly begun; and that next year the district superintendents will work out an itinerary for eight other small churches for such schools. This work is very much needed and will be the means of getting communities familiar with the program of Christian Education.

The following churches received this service: Jones Chapel, Welsh Circuit; Mallalieu, Jennings; Jordan Chapel, Zion City; St. Peter, Maringouin Mallalieu, St. Martinville; Calvary, Thibodaux; Fairfield, Shreveport; Asbury, Natchitoches; Thompson, Kenner. The course used in this leadership training enterprise was "The Educational Work of the Small Church." There were 296 persons in attendance and 74 Course Cards of Recognition were issued.

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to Bishop Willis J. King, Dr. Robert F. Harrington, the District Superintendents, members of the Christian Education Staff, and all workers who have helped in any way to make our work this conference year a success.

CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Source of Budget for 1954-55

Commission on World Service and Finance	\$1,600.00
Church Schools	3,600.00
General Board of Christian Education	500.00
Total	\$5,700.00

Disbursements and Expenditures

Salary, Executive Secretary	\$3,600.00
For Rent	600.00
Office Expense	190.00
Travel in Conference	230.20
Travel to General Meetings	218.27
Printing Programs for Assembly	30.68
Institutes and Workshops	85.00
Young People to Conferences	102.16
Secretarial Help	85.00
Total	\$5,141.31

Total Receipts	\$5,700.00
Total Disbursements	5,141.31

Balance \$ 558.69

Respectfully submitted,
N. P. PERRY, *President*
E. A. MAYS, *Executive Secretary*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES

Bishop Willis J. King and Members of the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Your Committee on Courtesies begs leave to submit the following report:

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Bishop Willis J. King for his dynamic service as leader of this great conference, and for his wonderful executive ability which dispatches the business of the conference in a positive yet lovable manner, and pray that he will continue to serve us.

We are grateful to Mrs. Willis J. King for her presence, for the vivid picture of life in Africa, and for the interest she has manifested in the general welfare of the Conference. The Committee expresses appreciation to the hosts: the Reverend N. H. Baker, District Superintendent; the Reverend J. C. Calvin, pastor; and members of the St. James Methodist Church. They have spared no pains in making our stay a pleasant one.

We are very grateful to the representatives of the General Boards of our Church and others: Dr. A. Dudley Ward, Dr. Charles A. Golden, Mr. J. H. Touchstone, Dr. Charles H. Calkins, Dr. Bentley Sloane, Dr. W. D. Lester, Dr. Daniel Thompson, Dr. Prince A. Taylor, Dr. J. S. Scott, all of whom have made such wonderful contributions to our program. Their addresses and instructions were quite inspiring.

We especially thank Dr. S. H. Sweeney, pastor of the great St. Mark Church in the city of New York, for his visit with us. We hope to catch a vision from his addresses and make our churches greater. Blessings be upon him.

Our thanks are extended to the Ministers' Wives, under the leadership of Mrs. W. T. Handy, Sr., to Mrs. G. W. Carter, president of the Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service; to Mrs. H. T. Israel, Conference Vice-President of the W.S.C.S.; Mrs. Eola Lyons

Baker, President of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild; the District and Local Presidents, and other officers and members, for their presence.

We express our thanks to those who extended to us such cordial welcome to the city: The Ministerial Associations, churches, friends, educational interests, fraternal interests, labor interests, business and professional, and to Mrs. T. A. B. Calvin for the beautiful solo rendered—all of which made us feel in the very atmosphere that we were welcome.

We thank the reporters, the radio, and press for publicizing the business of the conference. We hereby extend our deep appreciation and thanks to the church choirs, the youth choirs of the Shreveport District, Webster Parish Training School, Booker T. Washington High School, and the Wiley College Choir for the beautiful music rendered, which was a rest to our minds from the constant flow of business.

We are most grateful to Father Walter Scott Chinn for his Memorial to the General Conference. May we see his dream realized.

We also thank all pastors and laymen who assisted in raising funds for the Reserve Pension Fund, which enabled us to qualify to enter the pension plan this year. We especially thank Mr. L. M. Johnson for his leadership in Reserve Pensions, and for the \$527.50 presented to the Reserve Pension Committee which was raised on the Baton Rouge District.

Finally, words are inadequate to express our thanks and gratitude for all the hospitality shown us. Your kindness shall not soon be forgotten. May prosperity continue to be yours and the blessings of God be upon you.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. W. S. P. NORRIS, *Chairman*
REV. T. R. W. HARRIS
MR. W. R. BUTLER
MRS. T. M. JOHNSON

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Dear Bishop and Brothers:

It has been a great joy and pleasure to serve as the Treasurer of the Louisiana Annual Conference for twenty years. Because of failing health, I find that I would like to resign as treasurer of the Conference.

I want to thank all the members of the Conference for whatever cooperation given.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. HAYWOOD

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference:

In the consciousness of the great revolution which is taking place in the spiritual life of the world and of the increased interest which is being manifested in the Christian religion in the present decade, we, the Committee on Stewardship, after careful deliberation upon our responsibility, offer the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED:

First: That the practice of Christian stewardship in the full meaning of the word become the goal of every church and every member of the local church in the Conference.

Second: That the third Sunday in July, October, January, and April be designated Stewardship Sunday in each local church.

Third: That suitable sermons and programs be especially prepared for these occasions using the lay members where possible and practicable.

Respectfully submitted,
C. O. GREENE, *Chairman*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER

J. R. Patterson

To Bishop King and Mrs. King, the District Superintendents, Pastors, and to the entire laity of the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Had I the tongue of men and angels, I could not adequately express my appreciation and sincere thanks to the Bishop, the Board, and the entire Conference for the opportunity they have given me the past Conference year to serve as your Conference Lay Leader, again to Bishop King, the District Superintendents, the Pastors, in sharing with me the wealth of their experience; also to the District and Associate District and the Charge Lay Leaders, many for sharing their inspiration of devotion to the task of Lay Activities. Many of them have been brothers beloved and whose generosity and thoughtfulness have prompted them to help carry a part of my load, in addition to their own, both in office and other meetings where we have been thrown together; to the ladies of and on the various Districts who have worked so efficiently and willingly, and to all who have cooperated with me and given me opportunities for real service during the past Conference year, I render my heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation. Since the adjourning of the last Annual Conference I have given exactly thirty (30) days of my time for the cause of Lay Activities.

Recommendations

To the Annual Conference:

I. Cultivation of Christian Stewardship

1. That is recruitment of workers for the Local Church (of time—of ability).

2. Of Possessions—Christian Tithing.

II. Training of Leaders in the Local Churches.

1. Church Lay Leader.

2. Members of the Stewardship Committee.

3. Officers and Committee Chairmen of Methodist Men.

4. Members of Commission on Finance.

III. Setting Methodist Men to Work.

1. Arousing the Manpower of the Church. Deepening personal religious life, the recruitment of men, also the training of men.

2. Cooperation with all phases of the Church's program, especially in jobs suited to men. Stewardship, Evangelism, Education, Missions.

Adequate Support of the Ministry: We recommend to those charges who have not increased their pastors' salaries to ask an increase of not less than 4%—this goes for the District Superintendent also.

To Bishop and Mrs. King: The Board of Lay Activities would have me to say to you again we are glad to have you with us; we know you not only as our Bishop, but as Christians—gentleman and lady. We promise you our wholehearted support throughout your stay, and we hope it will be a long stay.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. PATTERSON, *Conference Lay Leader.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Brethren:

Methodism, through the General Board of Evangelism, has these objectives:

To diffuse the blessings of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ by the promotion and support of all forms and phases of evangelism.

To promote evangelistic intelligence, interest, and zeal throughout the membership of The Methodist Church.

To promote the practice of intercession and of individual and family worship.

To stimulate the entire membership of the church in worship and in Christian service.

Evangelistic Objectives Demand Evangelistic Movements

Christian Evangelism requires the consecrated and cooperative labors of persons whose combined prayer and witnessing power emerges in the form of great spiritual movements. The Word will again become flesh to strengthen the faithful and change the lives of sinful and indifferent persons through the following programs:

United Evangelistic Missions—"No person unknown—No person unsought."

Spiritual Life Missions—"Every member deepened in spiritual life."

Christian Witness Missions—"Christ coming to youth through youth."

Prayer Life Movement—"The praying Church is the serving Church."

"Four Nights for God"—"Committing, witnessing, training for Christ."

"Victory unto Victory"—"Easter's triumph climaxed at Pentecost."

The Seventy Evangelists—"Seminary students in a summer of service."

Christian Mission to the Home—"Entire families united in Christ."

Church Attendance Crusade—"God is Our Strength."

Our Church is now engaging in a great Church Attendance Crusade, in the conviction that as Christian people throughout our land seek out the House of the Lord, America will experience a new birth of spiritual life. That new life will come when we attend church every Sunday with others; for then we shall truly realize that "God is Our Strength."

We Recommend for 1955-56

1. That at least five new congregations be organized in selected new city or town subdivisions throughout the Conference.

2. That ten of the most promising small or medium-sized congregations be selected for a three-week intensive membership effort, using prepared prospect lists, cottage prayer groups, visitation, and preaching.

(The District Superintendents, District Secretaries of Evangelism, with selected teams of ministers from various sections of the Annual Conference giving their services on the districts.)

3. That the annual conference take special interest in the relocation of churches that have been left in sparsely settled areas due to a shift in population.

4. That each district will encourage at least three young men annually during the next four years to enter the Methodist ministry. The district superintendent will organize for the project.

5. That there will be at least two membership training classes for children, youth, and adults in each congregation annually, led by the pastor, with the Commission on Membership and Evangelism assisting.

6. That all families in our congregations use *The Upper Room*, the *Central Christian Advocate*, Tidings literature, *The Methodist*

Hymnal, and the Bible regularly in daily devotions and Christian home training.

Signed: RICHARD W. CALVIN, *Secretary*
 F. D. Timmons, Sr.
 James Bradford
 V. S. Byoune
 G. Robinson
 W. T. Handy, Jr.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Following is the report of the activities of the Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Trustees, custodians of the Episcopal Residence located in New Orleans, Louisiana:

On August 23, 1954, an adjourned session of the Board of Trustees met at Gulfside, in connection with the Area Council, to give an account to the New Orleans Area of the supervision of the Episcopal Residence. Eight members were present—namely, T. E. McElroy, President; J. C. Bibbons, Secretary; G. E. Zilton, Treasurer; E. J. Wise, N. P. Perry, C. E. Castain, D. L. Davidson, and W. T. Handy, Sr. After prayer, roll call, and the reading of the previous minutes, election of officers was held. On motion by W. T. Handy, Sr., seconded by E. J. Wise, all officers were re-elected.

Bishop King spoke to the Trustees concerning the litigation with Mrs. Robert N. Brooks. It was cited that, according to her lawyer, Mrs. Brooks was anxious for an early settlement of the balance owed her. The Bishop entertained a hope that this debt would be liquidated as early as possible. Meeting was dismissed.

On December 17, 1954, the Secretary received a copy of a letter from Bishop King's office advising that a check for the sum of \$2,022.50, representing half of the indebtedness, was mailed to Mrs. Brooks through her lawyer, Mr. W. W. Young. Bishop King explained that this payment was made possible through the cooperation of Bishop Shaw, who agreed to apply a share of funds allotted to the Texas Conferences toward the debt owed Mrs. Brooks. There is a balance of \$2,022.50 which we expect to pay by the end of this conference year.

There is another matter of interest and importance: the Episcopal Residence will need some interior renovation in the Bishop's study; the work shed needs to be renovated and other exterior buildings repaired; The whole plant needs a paint job. We have secured estimates from three local contractors, but in view of our past experience deem it wise to seek the counsel of Dr. E. J. Hammond and his contractor, so that we may get optimum value for money spent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Rent from Episcopal Fund: 1-15-54 through 5-1-54	\$ 900.00
Rent from Episcopal Fund: 6-1-54 through 5-1-55	1,800.00
Loan from Louisiana Conference Board of Trustees	600.00
Total Receipts to Conference Treasury	\$3,300.00

Disbursements

Services:

Fuel—Jan.-Mar., 1954, Gillette Oil Co.	\$116.97
N. O. Public Service, connection	18.86
Southern Bell Tel. Co., connection	10.50
L. J. Martello, plumber, repairs, 2-23-54	10.00
C. Gilbert, garden work, 2-23-54	10.00

Sewerage & Water Board, service charge	.64	
Fauria Awning Co., repair, blind cords	3.09	
Thos. E. Lynch Co., repair, heating system, 8-11-54	131.39	
E. J. Martello, repair, bathroom pipes, 2-7-55	8.00	
Janitor, cleaning prior to 3-1-54	3.00	\$ 312.45
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Repairs and Painting (interior):		
John E. Jones, contractor, 4-30-54	\$576.00	
Part payment 5-14-54	563.75	
Final payment 7-7-54	595.00	\$1,734.75
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Purchases: Rudd-Monel Water Heater, 4-29-54	\$ 258.22	
Office Expense of Secretary: Jan.-May, 1954		
Supplies: Paper, stencils, ribbon	\$ 6.00	
Stamped envelopes	5.00	
Transportation for Trustees	4.50	
Office Expense, Secretary, May, 1954-April, 1955:		
Paper, stencils, etc.	3.00	
Typist services and folders	6.00	
Stamps and envelopes	4.50	
Transportation	2.50	31.50
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Total Disbursements		2,336.92
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Balance in Conference Treasury to credit of Trustees	\$ 963.08	
J. C. BIBBONS, <i>Secretary</i>		

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called on May 4, 1955, by the president, T. E. McElroy. A printed copy of the last minutes of the Board was given to each member. The meeting was opened with prayer by J. E. Brown. T. E. McElroy gave a brief résumé of property sold this year under the auspices of the Board.

Election of class presented for conference consideration:

T. E. McElroy	1956	Wm. R. London, Jr.	1957
J. C. Bibbons	1956	J. E. Brown	1958
G. E. Zilton	1956	E. J. Wise	1958
C. E. Castain	1957	D. L. Davidson	1958
W. T. Handy, Jr.	1957		

On motion of G. E. Zilton, seconded by D. L. Davidson, classes of trustees were nominated.

Executive Committee: T. E. McElroy, J. C. Bibbons, G. E. Zilton, Wm. R. London, Jr., D. L. Davidson.

Report on sale of church property at Lecompte:

Income from sale of property	\$775.00	
Disbursed for expenses: Moving of building, lawyer's fee, travel, etc.	\$260.00	
Travel and telephone, R. M. Brown	44.40	
Repair of Glenmora Church, R. M. Brown 10-18-54	442.25	
Expense for church at Glenmora, C. E. Castain, 11-15-54	28.45	775.00
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T. E. McElroy asked that corporate body of conference convene at suitable time on Saturday.

J. C. BIBBONS, *Secretary*

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE—

1955-56 Budget

Bishop King and Members of the Conference:

We, the Commission on World Service and Finance, desire to submit this our report:

I. ADMINISTRATION

General Administration

General Administration Fund	\$ 561.00
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	448.00
Jurisdictional Conference Expense Fund	1,386.00
Total	\$ 2,395.00

Area Administration

The Area Budget	\$ 1,320.00
New Orleans Area Pastors' School	1,386.00
Area Publicity	110.00
Additional Membership of Area Council	440.00
Total	\$ 3,256.00

Conference Administration

Conference Treasurer's Office	\$ 1,500.00
Statistician's Office	100.00
Secretary's Office	200.00
Conference Board of Lay Activities	300.00
Methodist Men's Retreat	200.00
Conference Journal	1,300.00
Conference Commission on World Service and Finance	100.00
Conference Missionary Secretary	100.00
Conference Board of Missions	100.00
Ministers' Wives Retreat	400.00
Conference Board of Temperance	40.00
Conference Secretary of Evangelism	50.00
Bond for Treasurer	50.00
Auditing of the Treasurer's Accounts	400.00
Miscellaneous Items	300.00
Jurisdictional Conference Entertainment	550.00
Total	\$ 5,690.00

II. BENEVOLENCES

General Benevolences

World Service on Apportionment	\$12,187.34
Total	\$12,187.34

Annual Conference Benevolences

Dillard University	\$ 5,000.00
Christian Education	1,700.00
Gulfside Association	880.00
Area Secretary	1,474.00
Total	\$ 9,054.00

Recapitulation

General Administration	\$ 2,395.00
Area Administration	3,256.00
Conference Administration	5,690.00
General Benevolences	12,187.34
Annual Conference Benevolences	9,064.00
Total	\$32,582.34

ITEMS IN BUDGET COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR

CAUSE IN BUDGET	1954-55 ASKINGS	1955-56 ASKINGS
Conference Budget	\$27,187.34	\$32,852.34
Advance Specials	10,000.00	7,500.00
Week of Dedication	1,100.00	600.00
Christian Education	3,621.51	3,621.51
World-Wide Communion, M.C.O.R.	440.00	400.00
Reserve Pension Fund	14,000.00	7,000.00
Conference Claimant Fund 15%		
Episcopal Fund 2%		
Area Council Special	1,276.00	
Bishop's Appeal for Korea	690.00	
Pastor's 2% of Salary—2%		
Totals	\$58,269.85	\$51,973.85

Recapitulation

1954-55 Askings	\$58,269.85
1955-56 Askings	51,973.85
Less than last year	\$ 6,296.00

Ministerial Support Items

1. Conference Claimant Fund, on the basis of 15% of pastor's cash salary.
2. Episcopal Fund, on the basis of 2% of pastor's cash salary.

Recommendations

1. We referred the matter of "Special Day" offerings to the Advance Committee. (See that report)

2. World Service Funds: The Fourth Sunday of each month shall be observed as World Service Sunday, with a suitable program of missionary education in the local church, with a collection being taken for World Service and Christian Education.

3. We accept 22% of the Area Budget as our established quota of benevolences.

4. That the distribution ratio shall be —% for general benevolences and —% for Conference and Area askings.

5. That out of the 15% raised for Conference Claimants, 10% shall be used for immediate distribution, and 5% for Reserve Pensions.

6. Thanks should be extended to the Ministers' Wives Association for the excellent service they have rendered across the years in the interest of this fund, and that we solicit their continued interest until we reach the \$90,000.00 goal. As this is being written, figures are being computed with a view to enter the Reserve Pension Plan at this conference. This will be determined upon the arrival of Dr. Calkins on Saturday.

7. That the budget of \$32,582.00 be adopted for the 1955-56 conference year for General, Annual Conference, and Area causes, with reports being made at Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, Race Relations Day, and Easter. Easter will complete the entire budget, and each collection will

be divided according to the percentage that each item represents in the budget.

8. We recommend that the matter of fixing the District Superintendent's Salary be left in the hands of the District Stewards and Pastors Council of the several districts. It is also recommended that the District Superintendent's Subsidy be continued on the allocations from the Advance Specials (conference initiated).

9. That we continue for another year the joint action of the Reserve Pensions Committee, the Board of Conference Claimants, the Advance Committee, as they worked together in proposing the raising the \$14,000.00 for Reserve Pensions. We recommend the same plan, namely, that the Board of Lay Activities, the Ministers' Wives, Pastors, and District Superintendents all work together for raising from the charges \$4,000.00 instead of \$14,000.00. The report of these committees represents joint action. If we enter this year the Reserve Pension Plan, we must still look forward to raising the balance of \$30,000.00, making up the \$90,000.00 originally asked.

10. That we instruct the Conference Treasurer to remit to the Area Office, after each Roll Call, the percentage of the funds due that office.

Objectives

That we cooperate with the program as adopted by the General Conference, with special emphasis upon the observance of the Week of Dedication. The goal is that there shall be the observance of the Week of Dedication in every local church. Another objective shall be to raise all of the World Service and all other askings of the General Conference, as sent down by the General Council on World Service and Finance.

Supplementary Report

During the year the books of the Treasurer were audited by the firm of Caballero and Roger. The period audited was from August 1, 1953, to October 1, 1954. A copy of that audit is now being presented to the Secretary for publication, in the Conference Journal. It is expected that the audit be made not less than forty days after the adjournment of the conference. The books are to be turned over to the Commission on World Service, which agency will have the books audited.

The breakdown of the remaining part of the budget for Christian Education, which is \$3,621.51, shall be made to the several Church Schools for Christian Education, as has been done in previous years. It is observed that \$1,700.00 of the Christian Education Budget is written in as a part of the Annual Conference Budget.

We recommend that the Thanksgiving Roll Call shall be the time for paying in all Advance Specials, and that District Superintendents shall have their roll calls as soon thereafter as possible; and that the special offerings that are to be raised for special causes, such as Week of Dedication, World-Wide Communion, Overseas Relief, MCOR, shall be raised in full and reported at the roll call following the observance of the special day.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE
W. T. HANDY, SR., *Chairman*
J. R. PATTERSON, *Secretary*

R. D. Hill
G. E. Zilton
J. E. Brown
O. V. Cooper

L. M. Johnson
Mrs. O. B. Medlock
Mrs. Frances C. Badgett
Walter Gowdy

All District Superintendents
Ex Officio Members

P.S.—Upon the resignation of the Chairman of the Commission as well as the Treasurer, the following names are submitted to replace them: N. H. Baker, Chairman; William R. London, Jr., Treasurer.

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR ADVANCE SPECIALS CONFERENCE YEAR 1954-1955

Suggested amount to be raised\$10,000.00

The Suggested Allocations

District Superintendents' Subsidy	\$ 3,400.00
Peoples Methodist Community Center	2,500.00
Division of National Missions	330.00
Division of World Missions	220.00
Liberia Native Preacher's Fund	900.00
Reserve Pension Fund	2,650.00

Total\$10,000.00

Recapitulation

The Goal for Conference-Initiated Specials	\$10,000.00
Conference Initiated	\$ 9,100.00
General Specials	900.00

Total\$10,000.00

Goals for Other Offerings for Special Days

Week of Dedication	\$ 1,100.00
World-Wide Communion	220.00
Committee on Overseas Relief	220.00

Total\$ 1,540.00

Recommendations

1. We recommend that Thanksgiving shall be set as the time for raising all of the Advance Specials, that the District Superintendents shall have their Roll Calls as soon thereafter as possible.

2. That the Special Offerings that are to be raised for Special causes, such as the Week of Dedication, World-Wide Communion and Overseas Relief (MCOR), shall be raised in full and reported at the Roll Calls following the observance of the Special Day.

Respectfully submitted,
THE ADVANCE COMMITTEE
W. TALBOT HANDY, SR., *Chairman*

THE REPORT OF RESERVE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

Amount on hand at beginning of Annual Conference deposited
with the Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church\$38,418.35
Amount raised during this conference year 18,648.80

Amount on hand at the end of conference year\$57,067.15

Amount needed to enter plan	\$60,000.00
Amount on hand to date	\$57,067.15

Receipts—Reserve Pension Fund—1954-55

Amount raised from 15% Conference Claimant Fund	\$ 5,545.69
Amount raised from charges for Reserve Pensions	8,726.36

Amount raised from 2% contributions	1,038.25
Amount raised from Advance Specials	2,650.00
Interest @ 4% to 5-31-54	688.50

Total Receipts	<u>\$18,648.80</u>
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Suggested Plan for Reserve Pensions for 1955-56

Amount to be raised from 15% Conference Claimant Fund ...	\$ 5,545.69
Amount to be raised from charges for Reserve Pensions	7,000.00

Total	<u>\$12,545.69</u>
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The Reserve Pension Fund quota in each charge is to be raised by the Ministers' Wives and Laymen of the church, through the cooperation of the Pastors, District Superintendents, and District Boards of Lay Activities. The general guidance and leadership is to be given by our Resident Bishop and the Board of Pensions.

Respectfully submitted,	R. W. Calvin
RESERVE PENSION PLAN COMMITTEE	R. S. Taylor
L. M. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	T. R. W. Harris
ROBERT D. HILL, <i>Secretary</i>	Mrs. E. S. Johnson
W. Talbot Handy, Sr.	Mrs. W. B. Clark
E. J. Wise	Will Evans
W. C. Haywood	J. E. Hines
E. A. Mays	Hulda Tatum

Resolution

Resolved: That the Louisiana Annual Conference begin operation in the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund effective May 7, 1955, and that

(1) The Distribution Reserve Account of the Louisiana Annual Conference contribute to the current distribution account an amount sufficient to pay an additional \$2.00 per year of service to conference claimants during the conference year 1955-56, and

(2) That the Ministers begin paying their income annuity contributions to the Board of Pensions effective May 7, 1955, which payments shall be credited to their personal accounts in the MRPF, and

(3) That all members on trial be entered as "new entrant" members of the MRPF effective with the dates of their admission on trial, and

(4) That the ministers be excused hereafter from paying the 2% of salary assessments to the annual conference effective May 7, 1955.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON WORLD PEACE

Reverend Bishop King and Members of the Louisiana Conference of The Methodist Church:

We wish to make our report as follows:

We are aware of the powerful forces that now threaten the future of World Peace and that mankind stands in great peril.

We look to God to save the state, and we request that all members of our conference and the public pray privately and in public services of divine worship for those in government holding high responsibility in establishing justice, freedom, and peace.

We are certain that the kingdom of this world is not yet the Kingdom of God, but we feel that we should seek to establish earthly policies and

programs in harmony with His plan and with the principles of His Kingdom.

We are in harmony with our Board of World Peace of The Methodist Church in the endorsement and pledge of its support of government efforts to establish a "modus operandi" which would enable nations of the world to live together without recourse to war while they continue to seek solutions to the difficult problems of war and peace.

The Purpose

"It shall be the purpose of the Board of World Peace to advance the interests of the Kingdom of our Lord through international justice and the spirit of good will throughout the world; to endeavor to create the will to peace, the conditions for peace, and the organization for peace; and to organize effective action in The Church for the advancement of peace." (*Discipline*, Chapter XII, Paragraph 1546.)

Recommendations

1. That each local church will put more emphasis on the study and preaching of World Peace.
2. That each local church will organize a World Peace Committee, if not already organized or in action.
3. That some plans be made to have finance available to buy literature necessary for study that we may be able to further the cause of World Peace.
4. We also recommend that some consideration be given financially to those who will attend the different seminars to study for better knowledge about world peace.

Respectfully submitted,

Ministers

G. W. Carter
W. R. London, Jr.
W. S. P. Norris
Zachary Smalley
Garfield Robinson
T. H. Sampson

Laymen

Mrs. A. A. Bynum, *Chairman*
Mrs. Cayosa Hill
Mr. E. F. Dyson
Mrs. B. Steward
Mrs. D. M. Hunter
Mrs. Lillie Lacey
Mrs. H. C. Stanley

CABALLERO AND ROGER

Public Accountants

New Orleans, Louisiana

February 7, 1955

Louisiana Annual Conference
Central Jurisdiction, Methodist Church
New Orleans, Louisiana
Gentlemen:

In accordance with our engagement, we have conducted an examination of certain books and records of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church for the period from August 1, 1953 through October 31, 1954. We now submit our report thereon, including the exhibits and schedules as indexed on the preceding page.

Scope of Examination

Exhibits and Schedules

We present in Exhibit "A" a summary of your receipts and disbursements for the period under review, supported by Exhibit "B" and Exhibit "C." These two latter Exhibits show the detailed classifications of the receipts and disbursements, respectively. By referring to Exhibit "A," it will be noted that there was a total balance in your bank account at August 1, 1953 in the amount of \$3,531.56 and at October 31, 1954 there was a balance of \$1,775.37, both as shown in Schedule No. 1, the Bank Reconciliations. There is also included in this report an analysis of the total contributions to the various Charges in Schedule No. 2.

For the purpose of comparison of the Budgeted Expenditures with the actual expenditures for the period, we are presenting in Exhibit "D" a list of the budgeted expenditures applicable to the period from August 1, 1953 through October 31, 1954. Since this period overlapped your 1953-1954 and 1954-1955 Conference years, we have pro-rated the amounts in the budget of these two conference years so that 10/12ths of your 1953-1954 plus 5/12ths of your 1954-1955 budgeted amounts comprise the various amounts shown in Exhibit "D," the Budgeted Expenditures from August 1, 1953 through October 31, 1954. It will be remembered that in certain particular classifications this may not be an accurate method of determining the budgeted expenditures for the period covered.

Receipts and Disbursements

All duplicate receipt vouchers presented to us were listed in detail on our work paper and distributed as to the sources thereof, as indicated on these duplicate vouchers. All columns on our work paper were totaled and cross-footed. In this manner we arrived at the total apparent amount of the cash receipts to be accounted for. However, when we compared this total with the total of the deposits as shown by the bank statements, it was determined that there existed a total of \$15,702.99, the source of which could not be definitely determined from our records.

All check stubs from August 1, 1953 through October 31, 1954 were transcribed on our work paper and distributed as to the numerous classifications indicated thereon. All of the columns were added and cross-footed. All paid checks were examined for correct signatures and endorsements and were then traced individually to our work paper. The results of these analyses of the receipts and the disbursements are shown in Exhibits "B" and "C," respectively.

No outside verification of any of the figures contained in this report was effected.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your having entrusted this engagement to us.

Respectfully submitted,
CABALLERO AND ROGER
S/ LAURENT J. ROGER
Certified Public Accountant

Exhibit "A"

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

August 1, 1953 through October 31, 1954

Cash in Bank—August 1, 1953 (Schedule No. 1)	\$ 3,531.56
Cash Receipts—August 1, 1953 thru October 31, 1954 (Exhibit "B")	159,872.89
Total Cash to be Accounted for	\$163,404.45

Cash Disbursements—October 1, 1953 thru October 31, 1954 (Exhibit "C")	161,629.08
Cash in Bank—October 31, 1954 (Schedule No. 1)	<u>\$ 1,775.37</u>

Statement of Cash Receipts

DISTRICTS:

New Orleans	\$20,353.26	
Shreveport	13,325.05	
Baton Rouge	13,077.25	
Lake Charles	11,425.64	
Franklin	9,100.56	\$ 67,281.76
Estate of Rev. Robert Brooks		49,408.25
Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church		11,707.06
Refund from Special Advance—Thomas B. Lugg		10,010.00
Ministers' Wives—Special		5,262.83
World Service—Rent		450.00
E. A. Mays—Loan		50.00
		<u>\$144,169.90</u>
Source Unknown		15,702.99
Total Receipts—August 1, 1953 thru October 31, 1954		<u>\$159,872.89</u>

Exhibit "C"

STATEMENT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Purchase of Building and Contents from Mrs. Robert N. Brooks	\$ 38,608.84
Board of Pensions	25,556.23
World Service Commission	24,423.34
CONTRIBUTIONS:	
Charges (See Schedule No. 2)	\$12,329.82
Methodist Church—New Orleans Area	1,320.00
Gulfside Association	855.50
Gammon Theological Seminary	200.00
	<u>14,705.32</u>

DISTRICT MAINTENANCE:

New Orleans District

People's Community Center	\$5,475.00	
Shaw Temple	300.00	
St. Philip	166.68	
Gentilly Mission	166.67	
Mandeville	150.00	
Algiers-Asbury	91.65	
Gretna	33.32	\$ 6,383.32

Shreveport District

St. James Parish Workers	\$ 416.50	
St. Paul	208.35	
Lake Providence	166.67	
Daniel Chapel	125.00	
Belcher	124.97	
Grand Bayou	124.97	
Pleasant Hill Circuit	124.97	
Robeline Circuit	124.97	1,416.40

Lake Charles District

Wilton	\$ 495.00	
Lafayette Circuit	132.16	
Bunkie Circuit	129.05	
Magda-Melder Circuit	107.54	
Campti Circuit	107.53	
Crowley	100.36	
Cheneyville Circuit	78.85	1,150.49

Baton Rouge District

Port Allen Circuit	\$ 216.67	
Denham Springs Circuit	187.54	
Hughes Chapel	124.97	
St. Peter Circuit	78.34	
Jordan Chapel	76.93	
Springfield	68.07	
Rosedale and Shiloh	60.00	
Maringouin Circuit	58.36	
New Roads	50.00	
Plaquemine	33.32	
Lettsworth Circuit	25.00	
Norwood Circuit	15.00	994.20

Franklin District

LaPlace	\$ 241.65	
Charenton	124.97	
Olevia Circuit	124.97	
Union	124.97	
Hahnville	124.96	
Baldwin	100.00	
St. Martinville Circuit	83.32	924.84
		10,869.25

Special Advance—T. B. Lugg \$ 10,010.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Salaries	\$ 4,215.00	
Area Training School	1,386.00	
Gulfside Association	522.00	
Travel, Postage, Telephone & Telegraph	493.30	
Miscellaneous expenses	276.50	
Office expenses	198.47	
Dillard University	140.82	
Rent	166.66	7,398.75

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Dillard University	\$ 5,000.00	
Methodist Student Fund	419.00	
Methodist Youth Fund	115.00	5,534.00

FUNDS:

Episcopal	\$ 2,630.51	
Administrative	1,083.00	
Cooperation	448.00	
Contingent	300.00	4,461.51

Salary	3,800.00
Advances to Treasurer's Office	2,475.00
Repairs and Maintenance	2,068.88
Area Secretary	1,760.00
Minutes	1,296.74
Week of Dedication	1,100.00
World Service Commission (from Baton Rouge District)	1,010.00
Pastor's Fund Liberia	980.42

OFFICE EQUIPMENT:

Adding Machine	\$ 343.32	
Mimeograph Machine	300.00	
Typewriter	178.66	821.98
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Traveling and Meeting Expenses		801.59
Insurance		500.00
Rent		450.00
Office Expenses		337.05
Laymen Expenses		300.00
Retreat Expenses		300.00
Plaque for Rev. R. N. Brooks		247.20
Postage		116.00
Conference Missionary Secretary		110.00
Heat, Light and Water		104.23
Advance for Secretary's Office		100.00
Statistician		100.00
Telephone and Telegraph		41.50
Temperance Fund Expenses		40.00
Office Salaries		35.00
Evangelist Secretary Expense		31.75
Woman's Society of Christian Service—New Orleans District		30.00
Board of Mission Expenses		28.75
Surety Bond		25.00
Secretary, Trustee Board		15.50

REFUNDS:

W. T. Handy	\$ 1,010.25	
G .E. Zilton	25.00	1,035.25
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Total Disbursements—Aug. 1, 1953-Oct. 31, 1954		<u>\$161,629.08</u>

Exhibit "D"**BUDGETED EXPENDITURES****ADMINISTRATION:****General Administration:**

General Administration Fund	\$ 701.25
Inter-denominational Cooperation Fund ..	560.00
Jurisdictional Conference Expense Fund ..	347.50

Total General Administration \$ 1,608.75

Area Administration:

The Area Budget	\$1,650.00
The New Orleans Area Pastor's School ..	1,695.83
Publicity	137.50

Total Area Administration 3,483.33

Conference Administration:

Conference Treasurer	\$ 750.00
Statistician's Office	125.00
Secretary's Office	250.00
Conference Board of Lay Activities	708.33
Conference Journal	1,000.00
Conference Commission on World Service and Finance	87.50
Conference Missionary Secretary	208.33
Conference Board of Missions	250.00
Ministers Wives Retreat	938.33
Conference Board of Temperance for Promotion	50.00

Conference Secretary of Evangelism	104.17
Bond for Treasurer	31.25
Audit of Treasurer's Accounts	62.50
Miscellaneous Items	375.00
Conference Board of Education	83.33

Total Conference Administration 5,068.74

BENEVOLENCES:

General Benevolences

World Service Apportionment 15,234.18

Annual Conference Benevolences

Dillard University	\$6,250.00
Christian Education	1,916.67
Gulfside Association	733.33
Mobile Unit and Area Secretary	830.42
Church Extension	1,516.67
Ministerial Recruits	166.67

Total Annual Conference Benevolences 11,413.76

Total Budget Expenditures \$36,808.76

Schedule No. 1

BANK RECONCILIATIONS

August 1, 1953: Balance per Bank Statement \$ 5,441.41

Deduct Checks Outstanding:

No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.
Unknown	\$100.00	3257	8.34	3271	16.66
2826	100.00	3258	8.34	3272	5.00
3241	150.00	3259	8.34	3273	5.00
3245	980.00	3261	10.00	3274	5.00
3247	7.16	3262	325.00	3275	8.34
3248	7.16	3263	20.00	3276	8.34
3250	7.16	3264	16.66	3277	8.34
3251	8.34	3265	8.34	3278	12.50
3252	7.16	3268	12.00	3279	12.50
3253	10.00	3269	5.00	3280	8.34
3254	8.34	3270	4.16	3281	8.33
					1,909.85

Balance in Bank—August 1, 1953 \$ 3,531.56

October 31, 1954: Balance Per Bank Statement \$ 2,253.81

Deduct Checks Outstanding:

Deposit Checks Outstanding.					
No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.
373	\$ 10.00	387	\$ 5.00	395	\$ 8.33
379	113.45	391	8.33	404	325.00
				410	8.33
					478.44

Balance in Bank—October 31, 1954 \$ 1,775.37

Schedule No. 2

ANALYSIS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARGES

Boynton Methodist Church—Gretna	\$ 2,500.00
LeRoy Fields	2,345.44
Trustee—Jordan Methodist Church	1,414.56
Raymond Methodist Church	1,320.00

Mt. Zion Methodist Church—Leesville	800.00
Wesley Methodist Church	500.00
Shaw Methodist Church	500.00
Union Methodist Church	500.00
J. L. Wesley—Mandeville	500.00
Wallace Methodist Church	440.00
Pleasant Valley Methodist Church	330.00
Minde Chapel	260.00
Mason Methodist Church	200.00
T. E. McElroy	200.00
St. Philip Methodist Church	200.00
P. M. Jones	150.00
Trustee—Jewella Methodist Church	73.00
Mount Carmel Church	50.00
Trustee—Keithville	46.82
Total	\$12,329.82

REPORT OF THE LAFON PROTESTANT OLD FOLKS HOME

Mr. President and Members of the Conference:

It is with great difficulty that one makes a report upon the work of a home for the aged without being routine and prosaic, for the affairs of such an institution are always routine, staid, and unglamorous. The glow of such a report comes more to the individual who has the privilege and distinction of serving people who have reached the sunset side of life. One looks at a sunset and sees its glow but finds no word to describe its soft, florescent beauty; so it is in working with the aged who give life a mellowness and serenity which words do not adequately express.

We face this hour together with a feeling of justifiable pride: pride in the great Church of which we are a part. We are proud of its spirit of deep compassion for all people, for its willingness to do God's will in going forth to heal the sick, provide homes for the homeless and love for those without friends. Our hospitals and homes throughout the land, in small towns and bustling cities with their great corps of workers are enough to make us proud indeed. What an army they are, all of them marching forth with the feeling of being under obligation to all humanity and to the Master who has called us into His service. We are proud, indeed, of a Church that cares enough that it has provided hospitals and homes for the sick, the young, and the aged, administering to the needy, the wounded, and the dying.

Methodism has captured, indeed, the spirit of the apostles who went forth under the Master's call to "Heal the Sick." It is a great ministry, and countless thousands across the world rise up to call Methodism blessed for her interest, her love, her prayers, and her efforts in behalf of a distraught humanity.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the home, a working organization with a membership of more than one hundred women, has recently provided the cost of concrete seats for our lawn. They plan a great program of service to the home in the coming year.

1954 OPERATIONS

Receipts

Balance, 1953	\$ 100.00
Earnings	37,805.20
The Community Chest (contingent)	2,742.00
Total	\$40,647.20

Expenditures

Salaries	\$12,101.20	
Wages	6,836.88	
Other Compensation	189.00	\$19,127.08
Services and Supplies:		
Heat, light and power	\$ 1,598.66	
Telephone and Telegraph	134.47	
Auto Maintenance	410.73	
Household & dormitory supplies ..	616.64	
Stationery, printing & office sup.	55.74	2,816.24
Food	\$12,538.22	
Medicine & infirmary supplies	1,269.74	
Farm and garden	120.83	
Insurance and funerals on residents ..	735.00	14,663.79
Repairs, replacements & new equip. .	\$ 2,684.10	
Insurance, surety bond, local dues & bank charges	283.46	
Refunds	1,649.61	4,617.17
Total Expenditures		\$41,224.28
Bills Payable, December 31, 1954		577.08
		<u>\$40,647.20</u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET—1955**Receipts**

Earnings	\$47,400.00
Community Chest	3,000.00
Total Receipts	\$50,400.00

Expenditures

Services and Supplies:		
Heat, Light and Power	\$ 1,600.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	215.00	
Auto Maintenance	550.00	
Household Dormitory Supplies	1,000.00	
Stationery, Printing and Office Supplies....	62.00	
Audit	100.00	3,527.00
Food	13,800.00	
Medicines and Infirmary	1,000.00	
Insurance and Funerals on Residents	450.00	15,250.00
Salaries	\$15,000.00	
Wages	9,000.00	
Other Compensation	800.00	24,800.00
Repairs, Replacements and New Equipment..	6,143.00	
Insurance, Dues and Bank Charges	680.00	6,823.00
Total Disbursements		\$50,400.00

As a service institution of our conference, the Home requests the support of the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, and urges the organization of a Golden Cross Society in every local church.

To all of you we are grateful for your fine cooperation across the

years. You have done and are doing a great work. You have overcome what seemed to be insurmountable difficulties. We have worked together that God's will may be done on earth. Your Home and your Church can do great things working together. We are helpless when we try to go our way alone.

Respectfully submitted,
C. O. GREENE, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF THE PEOPLES METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

Bishop King and Brothers:

The following quotation which we have originated is the blueprint from which this report gains its inspiration:

Our Creed

We believe that the child is the most valuable asset of our community and should have the most excellent care, the most worthy companionships, the most functional facilities, and the most rewarding Christian character training.

We believe that teen-age young people need sound guidance in selecting friends, in choosing recreation, in obeying civic regulations, and in being reverent.

We believe that no one grows too old to play, to make new friends, and to continue enriching his life.

OUR OPERATING BUDGET—1954

Receipts

Community Chest	\$13,825.44
General Fees	9,277.80
Methodist Board of Missions	3,900.00
Woman's Division of Christian Service	1,200.00
Other Gifts and Contributions	1,334.48
Total Receipts	\$29,537.72

Expenditures

Salaries, Wages	\$20,547.00
Services and Supplies	2,277.85
Food, Laundry, Medicine, etc.	5,480.47
Repairs, Replacements	835.50
Fixed Charges	373.89
Total Expenditures	\$29,514.71

OUR CAPITAL FUNDS

Receipts

Gifts for Special Purposes	\$ 588.69
Louisiana Methodist Conference	200.00
Board of Missions (Advance Funds)	443.89
Total	\$1,232.58

Expenditures

New Construction and Improvements	\$1,148.87
Promotion and Other	60.25
Total	\$1,209.12

OUR WORK SUMMARY—1954

ENROLLMENTS	ACTIVITY	SESSIONS	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
114	Day Nursery	246	14,030
82	Kindergarten and Primary School	188	12,628
239	Boys, Girls and Adult Clubs.....	109	3,904
	General Recreation	190	5,505
	Special Events	33	5,140
	Clinics	134	8,040
	Other Groups and Organizations..	162	12,234
435		1,062	61,481

The advice and guidance of Bishop Willis J. King have been invaluable to our progress during the year. The interest and consideration of the Budget Committee and the Director of the Community Chest have enabled us to increase our operating budget by approximately \$3,000.00. The Louisiana Methodist Conference, Central Jurisdiction, remitted \$2,656.63 to the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church in favor of our Center.

More than forty friends from the State of Iowa visited us as a part of a Wesleyan Service Guild National Tour, and left both gifts and fond memories. The flood lights installed on our playground, costing \$900.00; the protection erected to safeguard the large glass walls of the building; the three new roll-a-way electric fans; the fifty new kindergarten chairs; and the new \$97.00 Columbia phono-record player have added to the efficiency and the attractiveness of the Center's services and facilities. During the year day care was given to children on a charity basis totaling \$278.00.

The activities of our P.T.A., Mother's Club, Golden Age Club, Young Men's Club, and Basketball Teams brought hundreds of participants and spectators to our institution. Many of these people attest to the enrichment and the joy received from those events. The Board of Directors and hundreds of friends have aided and encouraged our achievements wholeheartedly throughout the year.

The entire staff expresses its gratitude to all who contributed to the success of our work in human uplift.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD W. CALVIN, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Bishop King, Pastors, Laymen, and Friends:

Following is the report of the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, giving appropriations received from the General Board this conference year:

May 20, 1954	\$670.82	
June 20, 1954	720.79	
July 20, 1954	720.79	
August 20, 1954	720.79	
September 20, 1954	720.78	
October 20, 1954	720.78	
November 20, 1954	720.78	
December 20, 1954	720.28	
January 20, 1955	720.78	
February 20, 1955	720.78	
March 20, 1955	720.78	
April 20, 1955	720.78	\$8,599.43
From Contingent Fund, September 19, 1954		300.00
From Contingent Fund, October 20, 1954		150.00
Total		\$9,049.43

During the conference year, the Executive Committee has had three meetings, and the Board has met twice to formulate plans for the year; and to adjust and decide on appropriations, check on applications for loans, donations, and gifts, and perform other duties. With the help of Dr. Charles F. Golden, the Board has been able to carry a full program of missions and church extension.

Realizing the needs of the Louisiana Conference, we make the following recommendations:

1. We ask that the National Board of Missions assist us in establishing new work, with the understanding that it will grant funds, not to exceed \$1,200.00 in any one year, for the support of a minister, for a period of three years or less. The Louisiana Conference is expected to take the major part of the pastoral support until the charge becomes self-supporting; the Division aid to be on a three-year scale and discontinued at the end of the third year. Knowing that the Division will insist that no charge shall be considered where the amount is \$100.00 or less, or where the minister serves part-time, we urge putting more churches on a charge to assure adequate salaries for the ministers who serve small charges.

2. The building of new churches in housing projects and new development centers, as well as in old, established, unchurched communities.

3. The relocation of some existing churches which are ill-located or now surrounded by industrial areas.

4. The provision of full-time, effective pastors, with adequate salaries and housing for ministers who serve in stress areas and new communities.

5. Support of the program of Town and Country Work, especially as regards the Alaskan Project; and that we do our duty to our friends in Korea. We are mindful of the fact that these are our brothers, and we are willing to share our responsibility to support them. We also include the work of Africa in this recommendation.

6. The giving of Specials, especially where they are needed most.

7. That we assist in the support of scholarships for students to Gammon Theological Seminary.

8. That we encourage more of our young people to train for missionary work.

9. That the Board of Missions resolve to elect a group of Lay Speakers in our local churches who will familiarize themselves with the regular worship service, so that they, in turn, may do adequate service in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. BROWN, *Chairman*
O. V. COOPER, *Secretary*
W. C. HAYWOOD, *Treasurer*

Ministers

N. P. Perry
LeRoy Fields
W. T. Handy, Sr.
T. E. McElroy
N. H. Baker
A. D. Edwards
J. S. Dickson
T. R. Wallace
G. E. Zilton
C. E. Castain

Laymen

Mrs. J. E. Washburn
George Mack
Mrs. Ethel Thomas
Mrs. Bertha Vedrine
T. L. Miller
J. H. Patterson
Mrs. Doretha Combrie
Mrs. Melvina Whitlow
Mrs. Laura Williams

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

In compliance with the directive of the 1954 session of the Louisiana Annual Conference, the Committee appointed to study the status of

the districts and district superintendents' salaries makes the following recommendations:

1. That the number of districts be reduced from five to four.
2. That the Franklin District be dissolved and absorbed into the New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Lake Charles Districts; and that the northern end of the Lake Charles District be shifted to the Shreveport District. The suggested districts follow:

New Orleans: To remain the same with the addition of the Lutchet, LaPlace, and Hahnville Charges.

Lake Charles: To remain the same with the addition of the Charenton, Jeanerette, Baldwin, Morgan City, Berwick, New Iberia, Olevia Circuit, St. Martinville Circuit, St. Peter Circuit, and Franklin Charges. Campti Circuit, Cane River Circuit, Natchitoches, Newtown-Lime Kiln Circuit will be transferred to the Shreveport District.

Baton Rouge: To remain the same with the addition of the Houma Circuit, Napoleonville Circuit, Thibodaux Circuit, Union, and Woodlawn Charges.

Shreveport: To remain the same with the addition of Campti Circuit, Cane River Circuit, Natchitoches, Newtown-Lime Kiln Charges.
3. That the District Superintendents receive an equal salary, this salary to be \$4,200.00 per annum with an additional \$800.00 for administrative and traveling expenses.
4. That the former items known as District Superintendent's Salary and District Expense be combined and hereafter known as the District Superintendent's Fund; and that the quotas for each charge remain the same as 1954-55.
5. That the several charges remit monthly one-twelfth (1/12) of the annual District Superintendent's Fund directly to the Conference Treasurer by the first Wednesday after the first monthly Sunday.
6. That the Conference Treasurer remit to the four District Superintendents one-twelfth (1/12) of their annual salaries and expenses in order to be received by the first of each month.
7. That the several charges of the conference remit one-fourth of the District Superintendent's Fund within forty-five (45) days of the inauguration of this program. This will be done in order that the fund might be adequately financed in the initial stages.
8. That the Commission on World Service and Finance be authorized to borrow such funds as necessary to make this plan workable under the provisions of Paragraph 801, 1952 Methodist *Discipline*.
9. That each District provide living quarters for its District Superintendent.
10. That a copy of this number of recommendations be given to each member of this Annual Conference; and that each District Superintendent, Pastor, and Lay Leader give careful study to the plan and give cultivation to their respective parishes.
11. That these recommendations be acted upon officially for or against adoption at the conference session of 1956.

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. HANDY, JR., *Chairman*
O. V. COOPER, *Secretary*

District Superintendents:

N. H. Baker
R. M. Brown
LeRoy Fields
W. T. Handy, Sr.
T. E. McElroy

T. R. Albert
L. M. Johnson
J. F. Johnson
Raymond Pinkston
N. P. Perry
J. R. Patterson
J. E. Brown
Mrs. O. V. Medlock

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

We, your Annual Conference Committee on Social and Economic Relations, make the following observations and recommendations:

We have observed and thoroughly recognize the difficulties, discomfort, and inconvenience created by the two recent strikes; namely, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company and the telephone industry, which were in operation for more than sixty days. Because of these strikes, there have been riots, arrests, and, in many instances, drastic measures which caused death in at least one incident. Because of these very appalling conditions, we, your committee, feel that a greater appreciation for the principles which Jesus lived and taught should be practiced on the part of both capital and labor; for unless the Golden Rule is thoroughly practiced in all of our human relations, these conditions will continue to exist. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Bishop, Cabinet, and the members of the Louisiana Annual Conference, as well as the Conference Committee on Social and Economic Relations, do all that is possible to assist in relieving the tensions and bring about a peaceful settlement of the issues involved. Be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Louisiana Annual Conference seek ways and means for creating a more genuine sense of fellowship between the various jurisdictions of our Church to more earnestly exemplify the oneness and brotherhood that we find as taught by our Lord. Be it also

Resolved, That this Conference adopt and recommend for action the five points enumerated below, which were adopted by the General Board of Social and Economic Relations January 15, 1955:

1. That the decision of the Supreme Court be accepted graciously and gracefully with the realization that this decision is but a confirmation of our own Church's position.

2. That our people in their individual lives, in their church activities, and in their communities practice the conviction that no one should be discriminated against on the basis of race or color.

3. That we actively support and continually strive to preserve and improve our public schools to the end that every child shall be afforded the best possible means which public education can provide to prepare him for responsible citizenship in a democratic community. We look to our people to help superintendents and boards of education who face the task of implementing the decision of the Court.

4. That we create right attitudes in our homes and in our church schools as we work with children and youth so they may learn to live in harmony with those of other races.

5. That we practice and preach our belief that we are all children of the same Heavenly Father, that we all live under the same law, and worship the same God. Therefore, we encourage our churches everywhere to move resolutely forward toward the goal of full participation of the people of all the races in the life of the Church and the community. Be it further

Resolved, That the Social Creed of our Church be read at least once each year to each of our congregations, interpreting to them its ethereal and moral meanings; and that Conference Commissions on Peace, Temperance, and Social and Economic Relations hold a conference-wide meeting to implement the work of these various commissions.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

W. M. August
Mrs. Katie Cooper
J. F. Johnson
Mrs. Irma G. Jackson
Mrs. Ruth Carter

E. A. Mays
N. P. Williams
Mrs. L. G. Israel
Mrs. Hulda C. Tatum

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

Rate Paid, \$13.00

Receipts

During 1954-55 to Be Distributed During 1955-56

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SOURCES:

1. Balance Previous Year	\$ 5.50
2. Pastoral Charges on Apportionment	16,716.30
Income from Conference Investments	\$ 599.50
3. (a) Illinois Corporation	\$ 1,196.32
(b) Missouri Corporation	
Total Investment Income	\$ 1,196.32

BOARD OF PENSIONS:

4. Chartered Fund	\$ 75.00
5. Appropriation—Illinois Corporation	1,725.00
6. Due from Clearinghouse	476.00

OTHER ITEMS:

7. Methodist Publishing House	\$ 2,289.46
8. Reserve Pens. Fund	4,094.82
Total	\$27,166.90

Prospective Disbursements

During 1955-56 of Funds Collected During 1954-55

REGULAR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS:

On Basis of Service—

9. Preachers	\$ 8,148.00
10. Widows	11,795.00
11. Children	414.00
Total Regular Annuity	\$20,357.00

SPECIAL CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS:

12. On Basis of Service	\$ 576.00
Total Special Conference Claimants	\$ 576.00

OTHER ITEMS:

Increase in Rate Above Clearinghouse Rate

13. Claimants in Other Conferences	\$ 50.00
14. One-third of Pas. Chges. MRPF	5,572.10
15. Prospective Balance	611.80
Total	\$27,166.90

**Statement of Prospective Distribution
SPECIAL CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS
SUPPLY PASTORS AND WIDOWS**

Annuity Rate: Ministers, \$13.00; Widows, \$9.10

NAME OF CLAIMANT	YEARS	ANNUITY	RELIEF	TOTAL
Ministers:				
Brown, B. F.	15	\$195	.....	.....
Hall, Alfred.	27	351	.....	.....
Widows of Ministers:				
Young, Mrs. W. A.	3 1/4	\$ 30	.....	.....
Totals		\$576	.....	.....

**Statement of Prospective Distribution
RETIRED MINISTERS**

Annuity Rate, \$13.00

No.	NAME	Total Approved Years	LOUISIANA		OTHER		Total Annuity
			Years	Annuity	Years	Annuity	
1	Charles, Henry B. F.	40 3/4	39 1/4	\$ 510	1 1/2	\$ 39	\$ 549
2	Chinn, Walter S.	51 3/4	48 1/4	627	3 1/2	42	669
3	David, Jesse D.	41 1/4	41 1/4	536	.....	.....	536
4	Davis, Ralph M.	43	15	195	28	282	477
5	Freeman, Ephraim.	26 3/4	26 3/4	348	.....	.....	348
6	Gaines, Kelso.	22 1/2	22 1/2	293	.....	.....	293
7	Harris, Albert B.	38 3/4	38 3/4	504	.....	.....	504
8	Hayward, George C.	40 1/4	40 1/4	523	.....	.....	523
9	Haywood, William C.	32 1/4	32 1/4	419	.....	.....	419
10	Jackson, Elijah L.	13	13	169	.....	.....	169
11	Jackson, Scooler J.	31 3/4	31 3/4	413	.....	.....	413
12	Jarrell, William J.	26 3/4	26 3/4	348	.....	.....	348
13	Jones, Patrick M.	28 1/2	28 1/2	371	.....	.....	371
14	Landry, Charles C.	20	20	260	.....	.....	260
15	Robinson, A. P.	28 1/2	28 1/2	371	.....	.....	371
16	Robison, William M.	14	14	182	.....	.....	182
17	Smith, Charles C.	41 3/4	37 3/4	491	4	48	539
18	Thomas, Frank J.	26 3/4	26 3/4	348	.....	.....	348
19	Williams, J. C.	27 1/2	27 1/2	358	.....	.....	358
20	Williams, James A.	36 1/4	36 1/4	471	.....	.....	471
		632	595	\$ 7737	37	\$411	\$ 8148

**Statement of Prospective Distribution
CHILDREN**

Annuity Rate, \$3.25

NOTE: "Father's Approved Years" are the total number of Father's Approved Years and are multiplied by one fourth of the rate for Retired Ministers.

No.	NAME OF MOTHER OR GUARDIAN	NAME OF CHILD	Age	Father's Approved Years	LOUISIANA		OTHER		Total Annuity
					Years	Annuity	Years	Annuity	
1	Aldridge, Mrs. Frank Brunetta.		16	18 3/4	18 3/4	\$ 61	.....	.....	\$ 61
2	Caldwell, Mrs. Walter M. Elaine Genevieve.		15	27 1/4	27 1/4	89	.....	.....	89
3	Clark, Mrs. Hezekiah L. Thessolonia.		16	14 1/2	14 1/2	47	.....	.....	47
4	Clark, Mrs. Hezekiah L. Victor H.		13	14 1/2	14 1/2	47	.....	.....	47
5	Clark, Mrs. Hezekiah L. Marnette L.		9	14 1/2	14 1/2	47	.....	.....	47
6	Jackson, Mrs. Joseph L. Portia Josephine.		14	24 3/4	24 3/4	80	.....	.....	80
7	Mitchell, Mrs. H. W. A. Hartzell, W. A., Jr.		13	13 1/4	13 1/4	43	.....	.....	43
				127 1/2	127 1/2	\$414	.....	.....	\$414

Statement of Prospective Distribution WIDOWS

Annuity Rate, \$9.10

NOTE: "Widow's Approved Years" are the Approved Years with husband and are multiplied by seventy per cent of the rate for Retired Ministers.

No.	NAME	Widow's Approved Years	LOUISIANA		OTHER		Total Annuity
			Years	Annuity	Years	Annuity	
1	Aldridge, Frank	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	\$ 171	.....	.....	\$ 171
2	Amos, W. L.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	68	.....	.....	68
3	Augustus, J. L.	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	80	.....	.....	80
4	Badie, Isaac E.	20	20	182	.....	.....	182
5	Bernard, Henry R.	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	57	.....	.....	57
6	Blacknell, Smith E.	28	10	91	18	\$141	232
7	Bradford, C. E.	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	152	.....	.....	152
8	Brown, James O.	47 $\frac{3}{4}$	47 $\frac{3}{4}$	435	.....	.....	435
9	Brown, Thomas A.	21	21	191	.....	.....	191
10	Bryant, Cornelius D. C.	29	29	264	.....	.....	264
11	Butler, Esau J.	16	16	146	.....	.....	146
12	Butler, Frank R.	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	212	.....	.....	212
13	Caldwell, W. M.	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	221	.....	.....	221
14	Carroll, Saunders.	19	19	173	.....	.....	173
15	Clark, Hezekiah L.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	.....	.....	50
16	Coleman, John C.	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	305	.....	.....	305
17	Cooper, Thomas B.	42 $\frac{3}{4}$	42 $\frac{3}{4}$	389	.....	.....	389
18	Daniels, Hubbard.	32 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 $\frac{3}{4}$	298	.....	.....	298
19	Gaskin, Peter G.	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	205	.....	.....	205
20	Goins, Edward C.	9	9	82	.....	.....	82
21	Gray, Henry W.	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	189	.....	.....	189
22	Green, Lawrence L.	34 $\frac{1}{4}$	34 $\frac{1}{4}$	312	.....	.....	312
23	Green, Samuel	29 $\frac{3}{4}$	29 $\frac{3}{4}$	266	.....	.....	266
24	Harrell, William	26 $\frac{3}{4}$	26 $\frac{3}{4}$	243	.....	.....	243
25	Harrison, W. H.	17	17	155	.....	.....	155
26	Harvey, O. J.	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	.....	.....	5
27	Hilton, George C.	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	86	.....	.....	86
28	Hurd, Benjamin J.	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	61	.....	.....	61
29	Jackson, Belezare R.	40 $\frac{3}{4}$	40 $\frac{3}{4}$	371	.....	.....	371
30	Jackson, Joseph L.	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	43	.....	.....	43
31	Jackson, Thomas A.	10	10	91	.....	.....	91
32	Jenkins, Cornelius	15	15	137	.....	.....	137
33	Johnson, Eugene S.	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	66	.....	.....	66
34	Johnson, George	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	189	.....	.....	189
35	Johnson, Joseph	18	18	164	.....	.....	164
36	Johnson, J. R.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	59	.....	.....	59
37	Jones, Robert	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	68	.....	.....	68
38	Knox, E. H.	15	15	137	.....	.....	137
39	Landry, Daniel A.	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	80	.....	.....	80
40	Lewis, Hudson D.	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	216	.....	.....	216
41	Lindsay, John A.	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	278	.....	.....	278
42	London, William R., Sr.	35	35	319	.....	.....	319
43	Long, Robert F.	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	287	.....	.....	287
44	Mitchell, Hartzell W. A.	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	121	.....	.....	121
45	Monroe, Charles	25	25	228	.....	.....	228
46	Munson, Thomas H.	9	9	82	.....	.....	82
47	Obee, Authur W. M.	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	259	.....	.....	259
48	Richards, Jesse O.	47 $\frac{3}{4}$	47 $\frac{3}{4}$	435	.....	.....	435
49	Riley, David L.	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	180	.....	.....	180
50	Robinson, Arthur	39	39	355	.....	.....	355
51	Robinson, Harrison J.	35 $\frac{1}{4}$	35 $\frac{1}{4}$	321	.....	.....	321
52	Robinson, Thomas F.	21 $\frac{3}{4}$	21 $\frac{3}{4}$	198	.....	.....	198
53	Sanders, George W.	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	162	.....	.....	162
54	Stanley, Clavin S.	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	187	.....	.....	187
55	Taylor, Amos M.	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	250	.....	.....	250
56	Thomas, Lafayette C.	17	17	155	.....	.....	155
57	Walker, Manasseh R.	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	114	.....	.....	114
58	Walker, Sigismund C.	39	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	143	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	147	290
59	White, Robert E.	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	196	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	66	262
60	Williams, Hafley J.	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	150	.....	.....	150
61	Wise, John	4	4	36	.....	.....	36
62	Wright, Peter P.	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	98	.....	.....	98
63	Young, Doe H.	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	177	.....	.....	177
		1307 $\frac{1}{2}$	1256 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$11441	51	\$354	\$11795

VI. RESOLUTIONS, MEMOIRS

RESOLUTION

Secretary, Washington Conference
Metropolitan Methodist Church
Carrollton Avenue and Lanvale Street
Baltimore, Maryland

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Louisiana Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction, in regular session at St. James Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, on May 6, 1955:

WHEREAS, the Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church of the Washington Conference, Central Jurisdiction, is a constitutional part of our Methodism, and has been located in the City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, within the bounds of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of The Methodist Church for 78 years; and

Whereas, the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church enacted legislation authorizing transfer of a local church from the jurisdiction of which it is a part to another jurisdiction in which it is located geographically, upon the completion of certain actions; and

Whereas, the Greater Harrisburg Methodist Union and the Harrisburg District Ministerium have taken action approving the transfer of the Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church, Harrisburg, Pa., from the Washington Conference of the Central Jurisdiction to the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Northeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church; and

Whereas, the District Superintendents of the Central Pennsylvania Conference have approved this transfer; and

Whereas, the congregation and Quarterly Conference of the Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church have approved such transfer; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Louisiana Conference approve such transfer and respectfully request the Washington Conference to take similar action; that a request for approval be made of the annual conferences of the Northeastern and Central Jurisdictions and the respective Jurisdictional Conferences involved. Be it further

Resolved, that approval be sought of the General Conference of 1956 in a proper enabling act to accomplish the same.

GEORGE W. CARTER, *Conference Secretary*

Bishop King:

I rise to a question of privilege, please. We, the members of the Louisiana Annual Conference, are very much convinced that in the coming of Bishop King as Resident Bishop of the New Orleans Area we have a leadership unparalleled in any other who has presided over this Area, and more particularly the Louisiana Conference.

We feel that we have in his leadership one of the most brilliant, safe, and sound leaderships of our Church. Both his experience and training fit him uniquely for the great challenge of leadership that the New Orleans Area presents to our churches and communities over which he presides.

Bishop King is possessed with a gentleness of character and a spirit of altruism which epitomize the quality and character of one who has so great a task to promote. He has shown an interest in the social, educational, industrial, economic, and religious life of all his members and constituents.

As we face the conditions of our country that confront both Church and State, being thoroughly aware of the Supreme Court's decision made May 17, 1954, in which the Supreme Court declared that "Segregation

in Public Schools is unlawful and illegal," and that there will be strides made in desegregation along all lines in the American way of life in the future, we are, as a Conference, compelled to believe that Bishop King is the right man in the right place for such a day as this. His leadership will contribute much to the progress of this Area along all lines; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of this Conference extend to Bishop and Mrs. King a rising vote of confidence in their unmatched leadership; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be printed and included in our Annual Conference Journal, and copies placed in the hands of each delegate who shall be elected to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, which meet early in 1956, to memorialize the return of Bishop and Mrs. King to this Area to continue their fine leadership so nobly begun.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. MAYS, *Executive Secretary*
Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Education

**A MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH TO BE CONVENED APRIL 25, 1956,
IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

WHEREAS, twelve hundred men each year during 1952-53 and 1953-54 were separated from active membership in the Annual Conferences through death, retirement, withdrawal, location, etc., and

Whereas, eight hundred sixty-four Methodist men were graduated from the accredited seminaries of the United States (679 from Methodist schools; 185 from non-Methodist schools) in 1953-54, and

Whereas, an increase in theological schools enrollment of 50% is necessary if The Methodist Church is to meet the minimum number of ministerial replacements needed with trained ministers,

Therefore, We respectfully memorialize the General Conference of The Methodist Church, now in session, to take immediate steps to make provision for an expanded program of theological education.

ROBERT D. HILL, *Chairman*
Board of Ministerial Training and Qualification

Shreveport, Louisiana
May 7, 1955

MEMORIAL

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

WHEREAS, Through the providence of the Almighty it became necessary to readjust the assignments of bishops to administer the work of the Central Jurisdiction because of the passing of the late Bishop Robert N. Brooks, and in so doing painstaking care had to be exercised so as not to affect too greatly the regular order of episcopal supervision, and

Whereas, In this most trying crisis the College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction, after prayerful consideration, made what to them at the time was thought to be the proper and best solution; and in so doing Bishop Willis J. King, Resident Bishop for Liberia, was assigned Resident Bishop of the New Orleans Area after dividing it so as to allow him to continue supervision over Liberia while caring for the divided Area, to wit: Two conferences—Texas and West Texas—were given to retired Bishop Alexander P. Shaw; and three conferences—Louisiana, Mississippi, and Upper Mississippi—were given to Bishop Willis J. King, and

Whereas, This petition coming from the Louisiana Conference is motivated solely from the ardent desire to fully recognize the capable episcopal leadership rendered by Bishop Willis J. King, and with the view of seeking the greatest good for the growth and future develop-

ment of the New Orleans Area; and because we truthfully feel and aver that the very efficient and constructive leadership given by Bishop Willis J. King, as now evidenced, fully warrants his continuing to serve our Area and the Church at large; and

Whereas, This episcopal arrangement was only temporary so as to serve the work of the Area; and now the quadrennium closes and other adjustments become necessary, whether the Central Jurisdiction remains or not: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Louisiana Conference, now in session, does petition the College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction and the General Conference of The Methodist Church to restore the New Orleans Area to its original status, to wit: Uniting the five conferences as stated above; and be it further

Resolved, That due to the seniority of Bishop Willis J. King he be permanently assigned as Resident Bishop of the New Orleans Area; and be it further

Resolved, That the Louisiana Conference invite the other four annual conferences of the New Orleans Area to join with us in making this request for the permanent assignment of Bishop Willis J. King and the restoration of the New Orleans Area to its former status; and be it further

Resolved, That such financial provisions be made by each conference whereby this request may be successfully carried out.

Respectfully submitted, and praying that the request will be granted, we are

Most respectfully yours,

W. Scott Chinn
J. C. Calvin
W. T. Handy, Jr.
W. S. P. Norris
C. T. Wethers
LeRoy Fields
J. D. McCrory
L. M. Johnson
T. E. McElroy
R. M. Brown
C. E. Castain
W. C. Haywood
Wesley Davis
Dr. T. M. Johnson
Mrs. Inez Chrisentery

George W. Carter
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Mrs. H. T. Israel
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James Carney, Sr.
J. R. Patterson
Dr. O. V. Cooper
W. S. Butler
J. D. David

Shreveport, Louisiana
May 7, 1955

MEMORIAL

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

We, the members, pastors, and laymen of the Louisiana Conference of The Methodist Church, in regular session, May 5, 1955, Bishop Willis J. King, presiding, herewith submit for your consideration the following memorial:

WHEREAS, The Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church establishes a racial jurisdiction as now organized and administered along racial lines for its Negro members, while the white members are organized along geographical lines, in violation of the New Testament standard of ONENESS, and in so doing runs counter to the United States Supreme Court Decision of May 17, 1954, which declares said action unconstitutional and of non-effect, be it

Resolved, That the Louisiana Conference petition your honorable body to appoint a Commission composed of representatives from the several jurisdictions, with full power to act, to study and draw up a workable plan whereby the Central Jurisdiction will be done away with and such distribution or provision made whereby all the members of the General Church will be ONE in action, thought, and purpose.

Since every member of The Methodist Church, upon joining, takes

the same Oath of Allegiance and subscribes to the same book of *Discipline*, we pray that our petition will be granted, and that the wishes of your humble servants in The Methodist Church may be complied with.

Respectfully signed:

W. Scott Chinn
T. E. McElroy
LeRoy Fields
N. H. Baker
J. B. Bibbons
Robert S. Taylor
George W. Carter
T. R. W. Harris
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Wesley Davis
Nathaniel Williams
Robert S. Foster
Dr. T. M. Johnson
E. A. Mays

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Amos M. Taylor, who served the several appointments in the Louisiana Conference for 45 years, passed from this life in July of 1954. Gifted with that virtue of patience and endurability, this giant of God served as Pastor and District Superintendent. Accounting for the purchase of church sites, the renovation of many churches, and the supervision of work on a district where "the times tried the souls of men." In addition to his labors as pastor and superintendent his greatest contribution was the son that he nurtured on "the milk of his Gospel" and led him into the path so well trodden by Rev. Taylor. He is survived by his widow and children who along with members still remember his tribute to God.

Rev. Wade J. Hampton, Jr., himself the son of a Methodist minister, spared no moments of energy in his efforts to bring to reality his mission as a messenger of God. He served the Church 45 years as pastor and District Superintendent. Those who knew him can never forget the courage displayed in the face of his many difficulties. He was a faithful husband, working in harmony with his good wife to build the kingdom of God on earth. He served well, and now he lives with God.

VII.

IN MEMORIAM, ROLL OF DECEASED MINISTERIAL MEMBERS

<i>Names</i>	<i>From What Conference</i>	<i>Joined La. When?</i>	<i>Relation at Death</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Died—Time and Place</i>
Ananias Frear.....	Mississippi Mission, 1868.	Founder	Effective.....	39	Jackson, La., Jan. 4, 1871
Ebernezer Hayward.....	Mississippi Mission, 1866.	Founder	Superannuated..	50	New Orleans, July 3, 1873
Samuel Small.....	Mississippi Mission, 1865.	Founder	Effective.....	70	Felician, Oct. 12, 1873
James M. Bryan.....	Mississippi Mission, 1865.	Founder	Presiding Elder..	69	Donaldsonville, Jan. 2, 1876
Wm. Daily, D.D., LL.D.....	Indiana, 1831.....	Founder	Effective.....	...	New Orleans, Sept. 17, 1878
Henry P. Taylor.....	African Zion.....	1873	Effective.....	65	New Orleans, Jan. 25, 1877
Reuben W. Overton.....	.....	1873	Effective.....	52	Houma, Jan. 5, 1877
Joseph Dutch.....	New York Zion, 1862....	1872	Deacon.....	27	New Orleans, Jan. 25, 1879
Peter Brown.....	.....	1875	Effective.....	58	Clinton, Oct., 1879
James M. Vance.....	African Zion.....	Founder	Effective.....	65	New Orleans, May, 1897
Geo. Washington No. 2.....	.....	Founder	Superannuated..	...	Terrebonne, Oct. 25, 1890
Robert Hodge.....	Mississippi Mission, 1866.	Founder	Superannuated..	74	New Orleans, March 12, 1881
James Hayward.....	Mississippi Mission, 1865.	Founder	Superannuated..	...	New Orleans, March 10, 1881
Reason Ennis.....	.....	1870	Superannuated..	74	Biloxi, Miss., Aug. 1, 1882
John Brock.....	.....	Founder	Located E.....	75	Longstreet, Aug. 1, 1882
Marshall Smith.....	.....	1874	.....	50	Shady Grove, June 17, 1882
Scott Chinn.....	Miss. Mis.; license before was by M. E. Church, So.	Founder, 1865	Superannuated..	80	New Orleans, June 17, 1882
John W. Wesley.....	.....	1869	Effective.....	36	Vicksburg, Miss., Feb. 18, 1883
Thomas Kennedy.....	Mississippi Mission, 1865.	Founder, 1869	Effective.....	62	New Orleans, Nov. 1, 1883
Isaac Hayward.....	Mississippi Mission, 1865.	1870	Ex-pres. N. O. Univ.....	56	New Orleans, Feb. 12, 1883
James A. Dean.....	Providence, 1860.....	1882	Superannuated..	62	New Brunswick, Mar. 30, 1885
Joseph Gould.....	.....	Founder, 1869	Superannuated..	62	New Orleans, March 1, 1886
Nicholas Burton.....	African M. E., 1872.....	1881	Superannuated..	58	Lake Providence, 1887
Henry Green.....	Miss. Mis.; license before was by Detroit.....	1885	Eff. ex-pres., N. O. U.....	88	New Orleans, March 10, 1886
Almon F. Hoyt, A.M., S.T.B.	.....	1885	Deacon.....	35	Albuquerque, N. Mex., Oct. 27, 1888
Geo. W. Shelby.....	.....	1886	Local Elder.....	32	Grand Cane, Oct. 19, 1889
Grayham Bell.....	Rep. Laity 3 tms. Gen....	Founder, 1869	Superannuated..	49	New Orleans, June 3, 1889
Samuel Osborne.....	Conf. Miss. Mission, 1865	1886	Superannuated..	65	New Orleans, March, 1890
Alfred Legardy.....	.....	1873	Effective.....	93	Shreveport, Feb. 2, 1891
Wm. Smith.....	.....	1878	Effective.....	47	Thibodaux, Nov. 20, 1891
Robert J. Thomas.....	.....	1882	Superannuated..	36	Merrick, Jan. 28, 1892
Wm. Murrell.....	Mississippi Mission, 1865.	Founder, 1869	Superannuated..	78	New Orleans, Feb. 7, 1892
Charles Downs.....	.....	1869	Superannuated..	82	Camp Parapet, Feb. 17, 1892
Levi Johnson.....	.....	1869	Superannuated..	76	Mandeville, April 14, 1892
Anthony Ross.....	Mississippi Mission, 1867.	Founder	Superannuated..	87	New Orleans, April 14, 1892
Priestly Yarbrough.....	Mississippi Mission, 1867.	1868	Superannuated..	72	Baton Rouge, July 11, 1891
Cortez Thompson.....	.....	1872	Superannuated..	46	Cypress, Sept. 12, 1893
Sanders Wright.....	.....	1881	Effective.....	70	Shreveport, Oct. 10, 1899
John W. Collett, B.S.....	.....	.....	Deacon.....	42	Bertie, Jan. 19, 1894
Perry Hall.....	.....	.....	Superannuated..	26	New Orleans, June 18, 1894
Austin Kennedy.....	.....	1870	Superannuated..	69	Shriever, 1895
Alexander Primus.....	.....	1880	Superannuated..	...	New Orleans, Jan. 20, 1892
Reese Thompson.....	.....	1876	Superannuated..	42	New Orleans, Jan. 28, 1892
Simon Evans.....	.....	1879	Effective.....	45	New Orleans, Jan. 28, 1895
Wm. P. Forrest.....	.....	1869	Effective.....	75	Carrollton, June 16, 1895
Alexander J. Ford.....	.....	1881	Effective.....	42	Natchitoches, May 31, 1896
George M. Wells, A.M.....	.....	1882	Effective.....	53	Natchitoches, May 31, 1894
James W. Hudson.....	Mississippi Mission.....	1887	Superannuated..	53	Shreveport, Aug. 20, 1894
Emperor Williams.....	.....	Founder, 1869	Effective.....	74	New Orleans, Aug. 25, 1894
Stephen Priestly.....	.....	1870	Effective.....	64	New Orleans, Oct. 29, 1896
Thos. G. Montgomery.....	.....	1872	Effective.....	53	New Orleans, Jan. 31, 1897
Braxton Bolden.....	.....	1882	Effective.....	40	Camp Parapet, Nov. 14, 1897
James M. Bryan, Jr.....	.....	1887	Effective.....	51	Darrowville, Aug. 7, 1898
Alfred J. Pickett.....	.....	1885	Effective.....	46	New Orleans, Feb. 14, 1898
Dennis G. Butler.....	.....	1885	Effective P. E.....	43	Washington, Oct. 6, 1896
Addison Moore.....	M. E. Church, South.....	1871	Effective.....	54	Baton Rouge, Jan. 12, 1898
John Fopp.....	.....	1883	Prof. Gilbert	70	Dixie Cross Rd., July 7, 1899
Stephen P. Richards, A.B.....	1898	Effective.....	32	Bayou Seie, Aug. 21, 1898
Ralph C. Barrow.....	1883	Effective.....	55	Washington Chap., Nov. 1 1901

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Alexander Connelly		1886	Superannuated	55	Ball Town, Oct. 28, 1901
Augustus G. Davis		1886	Effective	48	Mt. Carmel, July 29, 1902
Alfred McClockin		1885	Effective	58	Fairfield, April 30, 1902
Shadrick R. Hanson		1885	Effective	48	Rosedale, Jan. 15, 1902
Isaac C. Clemons, B.D., A.B.	Tennessee, 1889	1893	Effective	38	Cheneyville, Oct. 31, 1902
George S. Mussungton		1902	Effective	46	Flournoy, March 28, 1906
Frank Harvey		1872	Superannuated	52	Napoleonville, Dec. 4, 1903
Honover O. Williams		1890	Effective	46	Algiers, March 15, 1904
William Harrison		1888	Superannuated	49	Clinton, Sept. 19, 1904
John Sparks		1871	Effective	59	Pleasant Hill, June 14, 1904
Henry A. McClellan		1893	Effective	37	Baton Rouge, June 16, 1904
Calvin M. Anerum		1891	Effective	38	Brownlee, July 1, 1904
Moses T. Fairfax		1884	Effective	52	Centerville, Aug. 27, 1904
John H. Pierre		1885	Superannuated	49	St. Martinville, Sept. 7, 1904
Samuel E. H. Morant		1874	Effective	56	New Orleans, Nov. 14, 1904
Samuel Bell	A. M. E., 1875	1887	Effective	52	Mandeville, Jan. 19, 1904
A. H. Banks		1887	Effective	51	Campti, Jan. 23, 1905
William Davis		1879	Effective	57	Monroe, Jan. 31, 1905
Alfred Gray		1891	Superannuated	48	Washington, Feb. 18, 1905
Stephen Duncan		1875	Superannuated	57	New Orleans, April 9, 1905
Zachary T. Gayden		1878	Superannuated	54	Clinton, July 22, 1905
George Washington		1870	Superannuated	79	Pleasant Valley, Aug. 15, 1905
Austin Jones		1870	Superannuated	75	Washington Chap., July 17 1905
Louis G. Arkinson, D.D.	S. E. Indiana, 1860	1888	Superannuated	...	Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 20, 1905
S. Hampton James		1881		70	Baton Rouge, Apr. 2, 1906
Charles Monroe		1881	Superannuated	41	Clarksdale, Miss., Mar. 19, 1906
Charles D. Shalowhorne		1883	Effective	...	Baton Rouge, May 15, 1906
Joseph Johnson		1883	Effective	51	Waxie, Jan. 28, 1904
John Tutson		1900	Effective	...	Fardoche
Joseph A. Tircuit		1889	Effective	47	New Orleans, Oct. 19, 1907
Joseph Armstead		1869	Superannuated	104	Shreveport, Oct. 7, 1908
Stephen Tilman		1889	Superannuated	...	Patoutville
Charles Barnes		1882	Effective	...	Clinton
W. D. Goodman	North Ohio	1876	Effective	...	St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 25 1908
Abraham Hilton	Louisiana		Superannuated	...	Louisiana, Oct. 6, 1916
A. E. P. Albert, DD., MD.	Louisiana	1878	Effective	...	New Orleans, Aug. 5, 1910
A. E. P. Pierce	Louisiana	1898	Effective	...	Louisiana, July 3, 1911
J. W. Lewis	Louisiana	1892	Effective	...	Louisiana, Sept. 12, 1910
N. R. Randolph	Louisiana	1885	Effective	...	Louisiana, Dec. 20, 1910
F. S. Brown	Louisiana	1904	Superannuated	...	Louisiana, Feb. 2, 1911
J. D. Brizhton	Louisiana	1897	Effective	...	Louisiana, Apr. 29, 1911
M. J. Dyer	Louisiana	1881	Superannuated	...	Louisiana, June 1, 1912
W. R. Butler	Louisiana	1884	Superannuated	...	New Orleans, Feb. 8, 1912
Eugene Baptiste	Louisiana	1886	Superannuated	...	New Orleans, Mar. 24, 1912
J. D. Banks	Louisiana	1903	Effective	...	Baker, La., Nov. 6, 1912
A. J. Proctor	Louisiana	1907	Effective	...	Oct. 27, 1912
Thomas McCary	Louisiana	1887	Superannuated	...	New Orleans, Nov. 12, 1912
M. L. Franklin	Louisiana	1882	Effective	...	Jeanerette, Oct. 13, 1913
Wm. Estor	Louisiana	1888	Retired	...	Fisher, May 4, 1913
Nelson Burton	Louisiana	1867	Retired	...	Ashbury, Oct. 13, 1913
H. T. O. Abbot	Louisiana	1868	Retired	...	Shreveport, Oct. 25, 1918
D. D. Williams	Louisiana	1906	Effective	...	Hahnville, Dec. 1, 1913
D. M. Seals	Louisiana	1903	Retired	...	New Orleans, Dec. 18, 1913
P. W. Clark	Louisiana	1888	Effective	...	Lake Charles, 1914
M. S. Goins	Louisiana	1888	Effective	...	Washington, 1914
W. R. H. Harry	Louisiana	1902	Effective	...	Allen, La., 1914
Hiram C. Wilson	Louisiana	1904	Effective	...	Ashville, 1915
Louis Smith	Louisiana	1906	Superannuated	...	1915
Samuel Davage	Washington	1871	Retired	...	New Orleans, 1915
Eli Williams	Louisiana	1903	Effective	...	Batchelor, 1915
Charles Pardo	Louisiana	1901	Effective	...	Olevia, 1915
Joshua J. Obee	Louisiana	1889	Effective	...	Shreveport, 1915
B. M. Hubbard	Louisiana	1891	Effective	...	Baton Rouge, 19—
P. C. Worshum	Louisiana	1896	Effective	...	New Iberia, 19—
Jessie D. Pool	Louisiana	1888	Effective	...	1917
H. C. Carr	Louisiana	1885	Effective	...	New Orleans, 19—
E. B. Richards	Louisiana	1885	Effective	...	1917
Alexander Martin	Louisiana	1892	Retired	...	Mandeville, 19—
G. W. Banks	Louisiana	1903	Effective	...	Longsport, 1917
E. H. Hall	Louisiana	1901	Effective	...	Boyce
W. C. Turner	Louisiana	1903	Retired	...	1918
Allen Lester	Louisiana	1877	Retired	...	New Orleans, 1918
Frank Walker	Louisiana	1876	Retired	...	New Orleans, 1918
D. S. Kilbourne	Louisiana	1902	Retired	...	Denham Springs, 1918
H. W. Welch	Louisiana	1893	Retired	...	1920
Ed. Powell	Louisiana	1888	Effective	...	1920
Thomas A. Jackson	Louisiana	1913	Effective	...	Gretna, 1920
Jules Bean	Louisiana	1885	Retired	...	Beatville
P. C. Cotton	Louisiana	1887	Effective	...	Melville

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G. C. Colston	Louisiana	1898	Retired		Natchitoches
S. M. Haines	Louisiana	1902	Effective		Vanceville
Thos. J. Josson	Louisiana	1882	Retired		Slidell
Geo. A. Payne	Louisiana	1892	Effective		Baton Rouge
Julius F. Marshall	Louisiana	1877	Retired		Chicago
J. R. Williams	Louisiana	1905	Retired		Shreveport
H. Armston	Louisiana	1881	Effective		New Orleans
S. A. Davis	Louisiana	1903	Retired		Hammond
J. J. Wolridge	Louisiana	1903	Effective		Bogalusa
J. S. Weaver	Louisiana	1900	Retired		New Orleans
Henry Taylor	Louisiana	1886	Retired		New Orleans
J. S. Barnes	Louisiana	1879	Retired		
Valcour Chapman	Louisiana	1903	Effective		New Orleans
I. L. Turner	Louisiana	1906	Retired		
F. M. Washington	Louisiana	1909	Effective		Baton Rouge
F. T. Chinn	Louisiana	1903	Retired		
E. C. Bradford	Louisiana	1870	Retired		New Orleans, Apr. 4, 1925
James Robinson	Louisiana	1896	Effective		1924
Simon Mitchell	Louisiana	1890	Effective		1924
G. G. Priestly	Louisiana	1886	Retired		Rapides, 1924
J. C. Brown	Louisiana	1906	Effective		
B. F. Branch	Louisiana	1900	Effective		Crowley, Apr. 29, 1925
J. S. Jones	Louisiana	1906	Effective		1926
E. W. Jackson	Louisiana	1883	Retired		New Orleans, 1926
B. W. Owens	Louisiana	1903	Effective		1926
F. D. Thomas	Louisiana	1898	Effective		1926
Robert Wilkins	Louisiana	1909	Retired		Boyce, 1926
Samuel Green	Louisiana	1885	Effective		Denham Springs, 1926
Pompey Bibbs	Louisiana	1891	Effective		Mansfield, 1926
George W. O'Gilvie	Louisiana	1906	Effective		New Orleans, 1926
C. W. Kershaw	Louisiana	1922	Retired		New Orleans, 1927
T. F. Robinson	Louisiana	1898	Retired		Crowley, 1927
David Garner	Louisiana	1916	Effective		Mansfield, 1927
S. A. Mason	Louisiana	1898	Retired		Hammond, 1927
William L. Amos	Louisiana	1886	Retired		Bunkie, 1928
Cornelius Johnson	Louisiana	1902	Effective		Shreveport, 1928
Aaron W. Goins	Louisiana	1895	Retired		Natchitoches, 1928
Henry J. Wright	Louisiana	1898	Retired		New York City, 1928
Chas. L. Angrum	Louisiana	1906	Retired		Baton Rouge
G. J. Rogers	Louisiana	1881	Retired	69	Jeanerette, May 4, 1928
G. H. Young	Louisiana	1905	Retired		Alexandria
Arthur Booker	Louisiana	1881	Effective		New Orleans
H. R. Bernard	Louisiana	1901	Effective		Baldwin
R. A. Walmsley	Louisiana	1915	Effective		Morgan City
W. S. Robinson	Louisiana	1924	Effective		Welsh
James D. McCain	Louisiana	1911	Effective	54	Lake Providence, May 26, 1930
John A. Lindsay	Louisiana	1900	Effective	57	Booneville, Aug. 31, 1930
O. J. Harvey	Louisiana	1898	Effective		
Geo. C. Huton	Louisiana	1917	Effective		Shreveport, April 18, 1930
Chas. W. Reeves	Louisiana	1888	Retired	65	New Orleans, March 26, 1930
Chas. D. Crockett	Louisiana	1884	Retired		Slidell
Sanders Carroll	Louisiana	1884	Retired	54	New Orleans, March 26, 1930
John McGee	Louisiana	1891	Retired		Shreveport
H. A. Sorrell	Louisiana	1886	Retired		New Orleans
D. G. Pharris	Louisiana	1891	Retired		Natalbany
F. D. Powers	Louisiana	1883	Retired		Berwick
T. P. Norris	Louisiana	1895	Effective		Slidell
L. H. Smith	Louisiana	1913	Effective		Monroe
J. H. Rylander	Louisiana	1881	Retired		Clinton
M. L. Baldwin	Louisiana		Retired		Mississippi
A. W. M. Obee	Louisiana		Retired		
Bedford Carr	Louisiana		Effective		Alexandria
R. B. Sanford	Louisiana		Retired		
S. S. Earles	Louisiana	1895	Effective		Slidell
M. C. Harrison	Louisiana	1928	Retired		
D. A. Landry	Louisiana	1916	Effective		
J. B. Johnson	Louisiana		Retired		Baton Rouge, Jan. 28, 1932
W. A. Tyns	Louisiana		Retired		Baton Rouge, Jan. 8, 1922
J. A. Landry	Louisiana		Effective		New Orleans, March 17, 1932
Wm. M. Emmitt	Louisiana		Retired		Shreveport, June 18, 1932
Wm. H. Jones	Louisiana		Effective		Algiers, La., July 25, 1932
C. S. Stanley	Louisiana		Effective		Baton Rouge, July 5, 1932
T. A. Brown	Louisiana		Effective		Washington, Dec. 30, 1932
J. A. Vincent	Louisiana		Retired		Shreveport, April 14, 1933
M. R. Walker	Louisiana		Effective		New Orleans, Dec. 13, 1932
W. H. Lang	Louisiana		Effective		New Orleans, April 1, 1934
W. M. Harrell	Louisiana		Effective		New Orleans, May 20, 1934
H. J. Williams	Louisiana		Effective		New Orleans, Aug. 10, 1934
R. F. Long	Louisiana		Effective		
D. L. Dumphrey	Louisiana		Effective		Lake Charles, Jan. 26, 1935
Allen L. Robinson	Louisiana		Effective		Rosedale, April 1, 1935
John D. Wilson	Louisiana		Retired		New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1935

<i>Names</i>	<i>From What Conference</i>	<i>Joined La. When?</i>	<i>Relation at Death</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Died—Time and Place</i>
D. G. Taylor	Louisiana		Retired		New Orleans, Oct. 6, 1935
B. J. Reddix	Louisiana		Effective		Baton Rouge, Oct. 19, 1935
J. E. Rolax	Louisiana		Effective		New Orleans, Nov. 27, 1935
R. J. Johnson	Louisiana		Effective		Booneville, La.
Geo. Thomas	Louisiana		Effective		
C. D. C. Bryant	Louisiana		Retired		Franklinton, Sept. 19, 1936
L. C. Thomas	Louisiana		Retired		Clinton, La.
T. B. Oville	Louisiana		Retired		Shreveport, La., Apr. 27, 1937
S. M. Garner	Louisiana		Effective		New Orleans, La.
Cornelius Spears	Louisiana		Effective		Baldwin, La.
W. A. Tyus	Louisiana		Effective		Baldwin, La.
Chas. Anderson	Louisiana		Retired		Opelousas, La.
I. E. Badie	Louisiana		Effective		New Orleans, La.
T. A. Hampton	Louisiana		Effective		Alexandria, La.
J. H. Thompson	Louisiana		Effective		New Orleans, La.
H. W. Gray	Louisiana		Effective		New Orleans, La., 1940
Hubbard Daniels	Louisiana		Effective		New Orleans, La., 1940
Stephen Powell	Louisiana		Retired		1940
Robert Jones	Louisiana		Retired		New Orleans, La., 1940
Travis Larkins	Louisiana		Retired		1940
S. P. Branch	Louisiana		Retired		1943
John Wise					Franklin, La., 1944
Joseph L. Jackson	Louisiana		Effective		New Iberia, La., 1944
Jessie O. Richards	Louisiana		Retired		Baton Rouge, La., 1944
D. S. Sloan	Louisiana		Retired		1945
Isaac C. Daugherty	Louisiana	1909	Retired		Houma, La., 1945
Lawrence L. Greene	Louisiana	1900	Retired		Chicago, Ill., 1945
Emerson Hutchinson	Louisiana	1886	Retired		New Orleans, La., 1945
David L. Riley	Louisiana	1925	Effective		Shreveport, La.
George W. Sanders	Louisiana		Effective		Jeanerette, La., 1946
Esau J. Butler	Louisiana	1930	Effective		1947
T. A. Bailey					1947
Robert E. White					December 31, 1946
Thomas Williams	Louisiana	1898	Retired		August 3, 1947
Peter Guy Gaskin	Louisiana	1927	Effective		August 4, 1947
Smith E. Blacknell	W. Texas	1936	Retired		September 9, 1947
William Henry Harrison	Louisiana	1935	Effective		November 2, 1947
James Oscar Brown	Louisiana	1897	Retired		June 30, 1948
Frank Aldridge	Louisiana	1931	Effective		April 9, 1949
Hezekiah L. Clark	Louisiana	1929	Effective		May 19, 1949
Jezreel Ruthus Johnson	Louisiana	1936	Effective		March 5, 1950
Arthur Robinson	Louisiana	1912	Effective		December 23, 1950
E. H. Knox	Louisiana	1932	Effective		1951
Frank R. Butler	Louisiana	1919	Effective		1951
Walter Monroe Caldwell	Louisiana	1924	Retired		1951
Thomas B. Cooper	Louisiana	1902	Retired		1951
Benjamin Julius Hurd	Louisiana	1934	Effective		April 7, 1951
Irving Benj. Henderson	Louisiana	1905	Retired		May 8, 1951
William Guy Jones	Louisiana	1943	Effective		July 13, 1951
Hudson David Lewis	Louisiana	1923	Retired		1951
William R. London, Sr.	Louisiana	1915	Effective		1951
Hartzell W. A. Mitchell	Louisiana	1937	Effective		February 10, 1951
Cornelius Jenkins	Louisiana	1932	Retired		1952
Eugene S. Johnson	Louisiana	1919	Effective		1952
Silas Robinson	Louisiana	1920	Retired		1952
J. Wesley Turner	Louisiana	1893	Retired		1952
Wade J. Hampton, Jr.	Louisiana	1902	Retired		1955
B. R. Jackson	Louisiana	1904	Retired		1954
John C. Coleman	Louisiana	1912	Retired		1954
Sigismund C. Walker	Louisiana	1924	Effective		1953
Amos M. Taylor	Louisiana	1909	Effective		1954

VIII.

HISTORICAL—EFFECTIVE ROLL

ALBERT, Theo. Roosevelt	1925-28	In school	1953	Booneville
1927-28	Gretna: N. O.		1954	Plaquemine Ct.
1929	Napoleonville		1955	Houma Ct.
1930	Hartzell: N. O.		BROWN, Joseph Edwin	
1931-32	Franklin		1924-25	
1933-34	Trinity: N. O.		1924	In school
1935	Thompson		1925	Robeline
1936-41	Trinity		1925-26	Lake Providence
1942	Supt. N. O. Dist.		1927-28	Bogalusa
1943-45	Chaplain U. S. Army		1929-31	St. James: Monroe
1946	In school		1932	Pineville
1947	Supply in Texas (W)		1933	Haven: N. O.
1948	LaHarpe		1934-35	Supt. La. Teche Dist.
1949	Haven: Miss. Conf.		1936-37	Supt. Shreveport Dist.
1950	Neely: Baton Rouge		1938-39	St. Marks: Baton Rouge
1950	Trans. SCARIZ (6-22-50)		1940	St. Matthews
1950	Phoenix: Wesley		1941-43	New Light: Vancelight
1951	Phoenix: Wesley		1944-46	St. James
1952	Trans. to La. (6-22-52)		1947	St. James: Shreveport
1952	Wesley: Baton Rouge		1948-53	Mansfield Ct.
1953	Wesley: Baton Rouge		1954-55	Mansfield Ct.
1954-55	Wesley: Baton Rouge		BROWN, Richard Myles	
AUGUST, Wilbert C.			1919-21	
1948-53	Jordan Chapel		1919-20	Waxia Circuit
1954-55	Jordan Chapel		1921	Oakdale Ct.
BAKER, Napoleon H.			1922	Camp Parapet
1933	In school		1923-24	In school
1934	Round Grove		1925	Lee's Creed: Angie
1935-39	Jewella: Round Grove		1926	Bogalusa
1940	Johnson: Shreveport		1927	Lake Providence
1941-44	Cedar Grove Mission		1928-30	Daniel: Shreveport
1945-49	Daniel Ct.: Shreveport		1931-34	LaHarpe
1950-53	Fairfield		1935-39	Supt. Lake Charles Dist.
1954	Supt. Shreveport Dist.		1940	St. Mark
1955	Supt. Shreveport Dist.		1941-44	St. Mark: Baton Rouge
BIBBONS, Jeffery Clarence			1945-49	Wesley: N. O.
1941-43	In school		1950-51	Supt. Baton Rouge Dist.
1942	Houma		1952-53	Port Allen Ct.
1943	Houma		1954-55	Supt. Lake Charles Dist.
1944	Denham Springs: Jordan		BUTLER, Max R.	
1945-53	Thompson: N. O.		1951	On Credentials from AME
1954	Sabbatical Leave			Church
1955	Shaw Temple		1951	City Missions: N. O.
BRIDGETT, Thomas J.			1952	Lutcher Ct.
1919-22	Denham Springs		1953	Lutcher Ct.
1919-20	Torras		1954	St. Philip: N. O.
1921	Longville		BYONNE, V. S.	
1923	Wilson Ct.		1943	On Credentials from AME
1924-25	Boyce: Rapides			Church
1925	LeCompte		1943	Mt. Carmel
1926	Franklington		1944	Clinton: Mt. Zion
1927	Lafayette		1945-47	Leesville
1928	Godman		1948-52	Napoleonville Ct.
1929-30	Bonchest		1953	Jeanerette: Baldwin
1931	Spring Creek		1954	Jeanerette Ct.
1932	Mt. Sinai		CALVIN, James C.	
1933-34	Johnson Ct.: Shreveport		Louisiana	
1935	Daniel: Belcher		1918-23	
1936	Wilton Ct.		1918-21	In school
1937	Shady Grove Ct.		1922	City Mission
1938-39	Leesville		1923	People's
1940	Mansfield		1924	Napoleonville
1941	Port Allen		1925	Morgan City
1942	Leave of Absence		1925-26	Vanceville
1943	Clinton		1927-31	Supt. Shreveport Dist.
1944	Morgan City Ct.		1927-34	Newman: Alexandria
1945	Relieved at own request		1935	St. Paul: Shreveport
1946	Hartwell: N. O.		1936-38	Williams: N. O.
1947	Napoleonville Ct.		1939	Wesley
1948	Welch		1940-41	Sunt. Alex. Dist.
1949-50	Natchitoches		1942-45	Army Chaplain
1951	Newman: Alexandria		1946-47	Trinity: N. O.
1952	Ashbury: St. Matthews		1948-53	St. James: Shreveport
			1954	St. James: Shreveport
			CALVIN, Richard Woodland	
			Louisiana	
			1933-35	

- 1933-37 Welch
1938-41 Baldwin Ct.
1942-46 Scotlandville
1944 Conf. Sec. of Evangelism
1947-48 Neely: Baton Rouge
1949 Conference Sec. of Evangelism
1950 Supt. People's Community
Center Haven: N. O.
1951-53 Supt. People's Com. Cen.
1954 Supt. People's Com. Cen.
CARTER, Geo. W.
Atlanta
1922
Lincoln
1924
Louisiana
1927
1922 In school
1923 Lincoln
1924-25 Manhattan
1923 Lincoln
1925 Oakland: Taylor Mem. Calif.
1926 Watts, So. Cal.: Shaw Mis.
1927-29 Scotlandville, La.
1930-49 Supt. People's Com. Center
1950 In school
1951-53 Mather Academy, S. C.
1954 Grace: N. O.
CASTAIN, C. Eldridge
Louisiana
1931-33
1931-32 Asbury
1933 Jewella-Cedar Grove
1934 Belcher-Dixie
1935 Leave of Absence
1936-38 St. Paul-Monroe
1939-49 Houma
1942-44 Plaquemine Ct.
1945-50 Wilton-Alex.
1951-53 Leesville-Mt. Zion
1954-55 Boonesville-Cheneyville Ct.
CHRISTOPHER, O. W.
Louisiana
1943-45
1943 Transferred to Mississippi
Mississippi
1943 Bay St. Louis
1944 Trans. to La. (10-28-44)
Louisiana
1944 St. Peter Ct.
1945 Shaw Temple
1946-47 People's
1948-51 Asbury-St. Matthews
1952-53 Bogalusa
1954-55 Bogalusa
DANIELS, Hubbard
Louisiana
1943-45
1943-46 Pleasant Hill
1947 Keithville
1948 Supernumerary
1949 Jewella Ct.
1950-53 Fairfield-Shreveport
1954-55 Fairfield-Shreveport
DAVIDSON, David L.
Louisiana
1924-26
1924-26 Beattieville Ct.
1927-28 Boyce-Rapides
1929 Cheneyville
1930-31 Mt. Nebo Ct.
1932 Wilson-Norwood
1933 Rosedale-Shiloh
1934-35 Donaldsonville Ct.
1936 Plaquemine Ct.
1937 Angie
1938-40 Bogalusa
1941-46 LaHarpe-N. O.
1947 Bastrop-Bonita
1948-50 Bastrop Ct.
1951-52 Philip Mem.
1954-55 Asbury-St. Matthews
DAVIS, Wesley Hezekiah
Louisiana
1919-22
1919-23 Union
1924-25 Baldwin
1925 Whitehall
1926 Darrow-Whitehall Ct.
1927-28 Clinton
1929-30 Neely-Baton Rouge
1931-33 Booneville
1934 Lottie Ct.
1935-38 St. Peter Ct.
1939 Crawford Ct.
1940 Crawford-St. Peter
1941 Plaquemine Ct.
1942-44 Natchitoches
1945 People's
1946-47 Asbury-St. Matthews
1948 Port Allen
1949-52 Opelousas
1953 Napoleonville
1954-55 Port Allen
DICKSON, Joseph S.
1925 On Cred. MEC Church
1925 Philip Mem.-N. O.
1926 Gretna
1927-29 Baker-Jordan
1930 Hughes-Baton Rouge
1931-32 Lettsworth
1933 Leave of absence
1934-35 Asbury
1936-37 Natalbany Ct.
1938 New Road
1940-41 Franklinton
1942-49 St. Martinville Ct.
1950 Jeanerette Ct.
1951-52 Jeanerette Ct.
1953 Opelousas
1954-55 Opelousas
EDWARDS, Ashley Daniel
Louisiana
1943-45
1943 Thomas Ct.
1944-45 Hartzel-N. O.
1946-47 Hughes-Baton Rouge
1948 Maringouin
1949-51 Baldwin Ct.
1952-53 Clinton Ct.
1954-55 Thibodeaux Ct.
FIELDS, Leroy
Louisiana
1919-24
1919-21 In school
1922 Indian Village, Slidell
1923-24 St. Peter Circuit
1925 Maringouin
1926-29 Lincoln C. West Muskogee
1930 Pueblo
1931 Sioux City, Iowa
1932 Transferred to Louisiana
1933-39 No record of appointment
1940 Baton Rouge
1941 St. Paul, Shreveport
1942 Trinity, New Orleans
1944-47 Supt. New Orleans District
1948-51 Slidell Circuit
1952-53 Supt. Baton Rouge District
1954-55 Supt. Baton Rouge District
FRANKLIN, Albert Eugene
Louisiana
1943-45
1943 St. Peter
1944 Macedonia, St. Paul
1945 Torris-Batchelor
1946-47 Rosedale-Shiloh
1948 Rosedale-Shiloh
1949 Lettsworth Circuit
1950 Maringouin-New Roads
1951-53 Angie
1954-55 Angie
GREENE, Oscar Clarence
Lexington
1937-41
1937-38 Flint
1939 Cynthia-Ebenezer
1940 Cynthia
1941 Winchester
1942 Prom. Dir. Delaney Mem.
1943-44 Prom. Dir. Gulfside
1944-45 Supt. Lafon Old Folks Home
1946-47 Shaw Temple-Mallalieu

1948-53	Supt. Lafon Old Folkes Home	Louisiana	
1954-55	Supt. Lafon Old Folkes Home		
HILL, Robert Delano		1943-45	
West Texas		1943	Many Circuit
1939-42	West Texas, in school	1944	Mansfield
1939	In school	1945	Shady Grove Circuit
1940-41	Prof. Samuel Houston College	1946-50	Norwood Circuit
1942	Trans. Sou. Calif.-Arizona Conf.	1951	Plaquemine Circuit
1943	Pasadena-Scott	1952-53	Thibodaux Circuit
1944-48	Transferred to Louisiana	1954-55	Napoleonville Ct.
1949	Mt. Zion-New Orleans	HONORE, Lloyd C.	
1949-53	Mt. Zion-New Orleans	Louisiana	
1954-55	Mt. Zion-New Orleans	1949-51	
HAYES, Charles H.		1949	Assoc. Wkr. Ch. Ed.
Louisiana		1950	Assoc. Wkr. Ch. Ed.
1930-33		1951-53	In school
1930-31	Bonchest	1954-55	In school
1932	Bonchest-Round Grove	JOHNSON, James	
1933	Keithville	Louisiana	
1934-35	Keithville-Fairview	1943-45	
1936	Providence-Round Grove	1943	Cheneyville Circuit
1937-39	Mt. Nebo	1944	Cane River
1940	Washington-Mt. Nebo	1945-46	Cheneyville Circuit
1941-42	St. Paul-Mt. Sinai	1947-49	Plaquemine Circuit
1943	New Iberia	1950-52	Pineville
1944	Magda	1953	St. Paul: Monroe
1945-46	Mansfield	1954-55	Lake Providence
1947-51	Kenner-Ross	JOHNSON, John Forrest	
1952-53	LaHarpe	Louisiana	
1954-55	LaHarpe	1943-45	
HARRISON, C. J.		1943-44	Hughes: Baton Rouge
Louisiana		1945	St. Peter: Baton Rouge
1943-45		1946-49	Clinton Circuit
1943-44	Robeline Circuit	1950-51	LaHarpe: New Orleans
1945-50	Thomas Circuit	1952-53	New Iberia
1951-53	Vanceville Circuit	1954-55	New Iberia
1954-55	Vanceville Circuit	JONES, John W.	
HARRIS, Theodore Roosevelt Washington		Louisiana	
Louisiana		1950	
1922-24		Upper Miss.	
1922	Jennings-Lake Charles	1909-11	Potts Camp-Up. Miss.
1923	Gretna	1909-10	Water Valley
1924	Slidell	1911-13	Aberdeen-2nd Church
1925	Neely-Baton Rouge	1914-15	Louisville Circuit
1926	Napoleonville	1916-17	Liberty Hill
1927-29	Thompson-New Orleans	1918-19	Starkville Circuit
1930	Wesley-Baton Rouge	1920-24	Alesville
1931-32	Wesley-New Orleans	1925-26	Holly Springs Circuit
1933	St. James-Monroe	1927	West Point Circuit
1934	Supt. Lake Charles District	1928	Brockville
1935-37	Lake Charles	1931-32	Athens
1938-43	Grace-New Orleans	1933	Mashulaville
1944-47	Supt. New Orleans District	1934-37	Coahoma-Jonestown
1948	Supt. New Orleans District	1938	Union Grove
1949-53	First Street-New Orleans	1939	Indianola Circuit
1954-55	First Street-New Orleans	1940-42	Itta Bena
HANDY, W. T., Sr.		1943-44	Winona
Atlanta		1945	Aberdeen: St. Paul
1920		1946	Columbus
Texas		1947-49	Lexington
1922		1950	Transferred to Miss.
1920	In school-Atlanta	1951	Transferred to La.-Bogalusa
1921	Harleton Circuit-Texas	1952	Booneville
1922-23	Galveston-St. Paul	1953	Wilton: Alexandria
1924-29	People's	1954	Washington Circuit
1930	Southern California	1955	Campti Circuit
1931-32	Pasadena-Scott	KENNEDY, Edward	
1932-40	Mt. Zion-New Orleans	Louisiana	
1941-43	W. Texas-Dallas: St. Paul	1951	
1944-47	First Street-New Orleans	1951-53	In school
	Conf. Miss. Sec.	1954-55	In school
1948-52	Supt. New Orleans District	LESTER, L. A.	
	People's New Orleans	Louisiana	
1953	Supt. New Orleans District,	1940-43	
	Gretna	1940-41	Crowley Circuit
1954	Supt. New Orleans District	1942-48	Baldwin Circuit
1955	Warren-Lake Charles	1949-53	Franklinton Circuit
HANDY, William Talbot, Jr.		1954-55	Franklinton Circuit
Louisiana		LONDON, William Robert, Jr.	
1949-51		Louisiana	
1949-51	In school	1941-43	
1951	People's: New Orleans Assoc.	1941	In school
1952-53	Newman: Alexandria	1942-43	No Record of Appointment
1954-55	Newman: Alexandria	1944-47	In school
HALL, Blackman		1948	Transferred to Savannah
		1948	Augusta
		1949-50	Augusta

- 1949-50 Transferred to Louisiana
1951 Gretna
1962-53 Peck-New Orleans
1954-55 Peck-New Orleans
McCORY, John C.
Louisiana
1928-1930
1928 Macedonia-Pine Grove
1929-32 Lottie Blanks
1933 Maringouin
1934-36 Lafayette-Crowley
1937-40 New Iberia
1941 Mansfield
1942-44 St. James: Monroe
1945-53 St. Mark-Baton Rouge
1954-55 St. Mark-Baton Rouge
McCULLUM, John M.
Louisiana
1923-25
1923 In school
1925 Macedonia-Pine Grove
1926-27 Denham Springs-St. Luke
1928 Napoleonville
1929 Shreveport: Johnson
1930-31 Keithville
1932-33 Mansfield
1934 Jeanerette
1935-39 Bastrop
1940 Supt. Lake Charles District
1941 Wesley: Baton Rouge
1942 Opelousas
1943-45 St. Phillip: New Orleans
1946 Sabbatical Leave
1947-48 Angie
1949-50 Shaw Temple: New Orleans
1951-53 Donaldsonville Circuit
1954-55 Donaldsonville Circuit
McELROY, Talmadge E.
Louisiana On Cred. AME
1932
1932 In school
1933-34 St. Peter-Union
1935 Bunkie Circuit
1936 Pleasant Hill Circuit
1937 Wesley-Pineville
1938-39 Pineville
1940 Johnson
1941-42 Hartzell-New Orleans
1943-45 Donaldsonville
1946 St. Paul
1947 LaHarpe: New Orleans
1950-53 Supt. Franklin Dist., Morgan City Dist.
1954-55 Supt. Franklin Dist.
MARTIN, William Dailey
Louisiana
1924 On Credentials A post AME
1924 St. Philip
1925 Asbury
1926 City Mission
1927-28 Hartzell-New Orleans
1929 Beattieville Circuit
1930-31 Welch
1932 Longstreet
1933 Boyce-Rapides
1934 Alexandria-Lecompte
1935-36 Leesville Circuit
1937 Leesville
1938-39 Maringouin
1940-41 Ross-Shaw Temple-New Orleans
1942 Shaw Temple
1943 Leave of absence
1944 Houma
1945-47 Gretna
1948 Conf. Spe. Ch. Ex. Wkr.
1949-53 Lafayette Circuit
1954-55 Hughes-Baton Rouge
MAYS, Emmet A.
Louisiana
1943 Up. Miss.
1920-22
1920 In school
1921-22 N. Carrollton-Upper Miss.
1923-24 Itta Bena
1925-27 Grenada
1928-29 Starkville
1930-31 Clarksdale
1932 Greenwood
1933 Transferred to Mississippi
1933-42 Meridian: St. Paul
1943-44 Trinity: New Orleans
1945 St. Paul
1946-47 American Bible Society
1948-50 Wesley: Baton Rouge
1951 Wesley
1952-53 Grace-New Orleans
1954-55 Ex. Sec. Ch. Ed.
NORRIS, Leslie Henry Peter
Louisiana
1937-41
1937-39 In school
1940 Vernado
1941 Mandeville
1942-43 Franklinton
1944-45 St. Paul: Monroe
1948-49 New Iberia
1950-53 Scotlandville
1954-55 Neely-Baton Rouge
NORRIS, W. S. P.
Louisiana
1950-53
1950-52 In school
1952 Bastrop
1953 St. Paul: Shreveport
1954-55 St. Paul: Shreveport
PERRY, Nathaniel Patrick
Washington
1940-42 La. Conference 1946
1940-41 Washington, Pa.
1942-45 Linden
1946-51 Ex. Sec. of Ch. Ed. La. Conf.
1952-53 Supt. Lake Charles District
1954 Trinity-N. O.
1955 In school
REED, Samuel George
Louisiana
1930-32
1930-31 Bayou Goule
1932 Beattieville-Shriever
1933 Gretna
1934-35 Camp Parapet
1936 Kenner Circuit
1937-39 Thompson
1939 Hart.ell
1940-46 Angie
1947-43 Williams
1954 Williams: N. O.
1955 Haven: N. O.
ROBINSON, Arthur, Jr.
Louisiana
1949-53
1939-50 Grenta
1951-53 In school
1954-55 Scotlandville: Camphor Mem.
ROBINSON, Garfield
Louisiana
1918-20
1918 Lobdell
1919 Lake Arthur
1920 Oakdale
1921 Mt. Nebo
1922 Thomas Circuit
1923 Belcher
1924-25 Pleasant Hill Circuit
1926-27 Boyce Circuit
1928-30 Leesville
1931-32 St. Peter Circuit
1933-34 Mt. Nebo
1935-36 Pineville
1937-39 Plaquemine Circuit
1940-41 Rosedale-Shiloh
1942-43 Mansfield
1944 Boyce
1945 Booneville
1946 Keithville
1947-48 Woodlawn
1949-53 Denham Springs Circuit
1954-55 Clinton Circuit
SAMPSON, T. H.
Louisiana
1927-30
1927-28 Deerford Circuit
1929-30 Lettsworth

1931-32	Mt. Carmel	1935	Beattieville Circuit
1933-35	Crawford	1936-40	Donaldsonville Circuit
1936-38	Briggs Circuit	1941-46	Bogalousa
1939-43	Slidell	1947-50	Philip Memorial
1944-45	New Iberia	1951-53	St. James-Monroe
1946	Napoleonville Circuit	1954	St. James-Monroe
1947	Mansfield	1955	Dist. Supt. Shreveport Dist.
1948-50	Washington Circuit		
1951	Washington Circuit	THOMAS, Fletcher W.	
1952-53	Welch Circuit	Louisiana	
1954	Compti Circuit	1927-29	
1955	Wilton	1927	Godman
SAKTOR, Warren W.		1928	Beattieville
Louisiana		1929	Houma
1932-34		1930	Bunkie
1932-35	People's	1931	Slidell
1936-37	Philip Memorial	1932-33	Cheneyville
1938-39	St. James-Shreveport	1934-35	Belcher
1940	Natentocnes	1938	Stony Point
1941-43	Chaplain, U. S. Army	1939	St. Peter Circuit
1945	Conference Evangelist	1940-41	Lottie-Blanks
1946-48	Supernumerary	1942	Clinton Circuit
1949	Conference Evangelist	1943-45	Maringouin
1950-53	In school	1946	Plaquemine Circuit
1954-55	In school	1947-50	Crowley Circuit
SMALL, Caesar D.		1951	Pleasant Hill Circuit
Louisiana		1952-53	Bunkie Circuit
1930-31	St. Philip-New Orleans	1954	Bunkie Circuit
1930-39	Pineville	1955	St. Paul Circuit
1940	Donaldsonville Circuit	THOMAS, S. J.	
1941-42	Hartzell	Louisiana	
1943	Napoleonville Circuit	1942-44	
1944-45	St. Philip-New Orleans	1942-46	Kenner-Ross
1946-47	St. Philip-New Orleans	1947-50	St. Peter Circuit
1948-50	Shaw Temple	1951	Jeanerette Circuit
1951-53	Shaw Temple—N. O.	1952-53	Franklin Circuit
1954	Kenner-Ross	1954-55	Franklin Circuit
1955	Zachariah	THOMAS, Fred Douglas	
SMALLEY, Zachariah		Louisiana	
Louisiana		1942-43	On Cred. AMEZ
1920-22		1942	Mallalieu
1920	In school	1943-45	Mallalieu
1921	New Light	1946	Supt. Sager-Brown
1922-23	New Light	1947	Pineville
1924-26	Grand Ecore Circuit	1948	Lafayette
1927-29	Many Circuit	1949	Port Allen
1930-32	Pleasant Hill Circuit	1950	Angie
1933	Thomas Circuit	1951	St. Philip
1934-37	Boyce Circuit	1952-53	Haven
1938	Lake Providence	1954	Haven: N. O.
1939-43	Grand Bayou	1955	Haven: N. O.
1944-50	Vanceville Circuit	WALKER, Samuel Weaver	
1951-52	Logansport Circuit	Louisiana	
1953	Thomas Circuit	1949-51	
1954-55	Thomas Circuit	1949-52	Hartzell
SLATER, Ellis C.		1953	People's
Louisiana		1954-55	People's
1949-51		WALLACE, Thomas R.	
1949	Lutcher	Louisiana	
1950-53	Hughes: Baton Rouge	1925-27	
1954	Hughes: Baton Rouge	1925	In school
1955	Lafayette Circuit	1926	Philips Memorial
SPEARS, Augustus George		1927	Philips Memorial
Louisiana		1928-29	Camp Parapet
1929-31		1930-32	Napoleonville
1929	In school	1933-35	Franklin
1930-34	Baldwin Circuit	1936-37	St. Matthews-New Orleans
1935-38	Fairfield-Shreveport	1938-40	Supt. Baton Rouge District
1939	Natchitoches	1941-46	Newman-Alexandria
1940-41	St. James: Shreveport	1947-50	St. James-Monroe
1942-45	Chaplain U. S. Army	1951-53	Trinity-New Orleans
1946-48	In school	1954-55	Thompson-New Orleans
1949-53	Chaplain U. S. Army	WARDAM, Charles T.	
1954-55	Chaplain U. S. Army	Louisiana	
TRANSFER, Rogers		1944	
Louisiana		Atlanta	
1950-53		1922	On Cred. from Cong. Ch.
1950	In school	1922	In school
1951	In school	1923	Littig-Manor-W. Texas
1952	Baldwin	1924	San Marcos
1953	Natchitoches	1925	Austin Circuit
1954-55	Natchitoches	1926	In school
TAYLOR, Robert S.		1927	Dallas: Wesley Circuit
Louisiana		1928	Sherman Circuit
1931-34		1929	Withdrew
1931-33	In school	1931	Honey Grove-Texas
1934	Spring Creek	1932	Silsbee-Voth
		1933	Queen City Circuit

1934-35	Pittsburg	Louisiana	
1936-37	Houston-Mallalieu	1942-44	
1938	Kendleton Circuit	1942-43	Asbury Circuit-Baton Rouge
1939-40	Brenham	1944-45	Zachary Circuit
1941-42	Palestine	1946	Supernumerary
1943	Huntsville: Trinity	1947	Cheneyville
1944-46	Haven-New Orleans	1948-49	Hughes-Baton Rouge
1947	Newman-Alexandria	1950	Lutcher Circuit
1948-50	Newman-Alexandria	1951-52	Norwood Circuit
1951-52	Natchitoches	1953	Bayou Goula
1953	Mt. Olive-Bastrop	1954	Rosedale-Shiloh
1954	Mt. Olive-Bastrop	1955	In school
1955	St. James-Monroe	WILSON, James W.	
WELTON, Jefferson Thomas		Louisiana	
Louisiana		1951-53	
1930-1932		1951	In school
1930-32	Crawford	1952-53	Slidell
1933-36	Jennings Circuit	1954-55	Slidell
1937-38	Washington Circuit	WISE, Ellis J.	
1939	Waxia Circuit	Louisiana	
1940-44	Washington Circuit	1929-31	
1945-47	Welch Circuit	1929	Whitehall
1948	Denham Springs	1930-31	Beattievill Circuit
1949	Angie	1932-33	Thibodaux
1950	Clinton Circuit	1934-35	Plaquemine
1951	Clinton Circuit	1936-38	Mallalieu
1952	Jeanerette Circuit	1939-41	Opelousas
1953	Pineville	1942	Fairfield
1954-55	Bunkie Ct.	1943	Neely-Conrad
WETHERS, Carl Theodore		1944-45	Franklin
Louisiana		1946-50	Donaldsonville
1933-33		1951-52	Wilton-Alexandria
1930	In school	1953	Philip Memorial
1931-41	Hughes: Baton Rouge	1954	Philip Memorial
1942	Located	1955	Bastrop-Mt. Olive
1943	Denham Springs	ZILTON, George E.	
1944-51	Grace: New Orleans	Louisiana	
1942	Located	1931	On Cred. Baptist Ch.
1943	Denham Springs	1931	Bastrop
1944-51	Grace: New Orleans	1932	Johnson Circuit
1952	Sec. Prom. & Vis. Ed.	1933-34	Morgan City Circuit
1953	Warren: Lake Charles	1935	Baldwin
1954	Warren: Lake Charles	1936-37	Scotlandville
1955	Philip Memorial: N. O.	1938-39	LaHarpe
WILLIAMS, Nathaniel P.		1940	LaHarpe
Louisiana		1941-43	Peck
1951		1944	Port Allen
1951	In school	1945-46	St. James: Monroe
1952	Warren: Lake Charles Asst.	1947-49	Haven: New Orleans
1953	Hartzell	1950	Trinity
1954-55	Hartzell: N. O.	1951-53	Neely: Baton Rouge
WILLIS, Willie Henry		1954-55	Wesley: N. O.

IX.

HISTORICAL-RETIRED MINISTERS

CHARLES, Henry B. F.

Louisiana

1905-07
1905 Curtis-Magnolia
1906 Scarboro-Wesley
1907-09 Logansport-Shreveport
1910 Johnson-Shreveport
1911 Albert Circuit
1912 Camp Parapet-Kenner
1913-14 Malder-New Orleans
1915-17 Haven
1918-19 Slidell
1920 Franklinton
1920-21 Beattieville Circuit
1923 Houma
1924-25 Gretna
1925-28 Scott Chinn-New Orleans
1929 LeHarpe
1930 Newman-Alexandria
1931 Fairfield
1932-33 Donaldsonville Circuit
1934-35 Phillips Memorial
1936-39 Supt. New Orleans District
1940 Peck
1941 St. Matthews
1942 Nassau-Delaware
1943 Bridgeton
1943 Bastrop-Louisiana
1944 Shaw Temple
10-28 Retired

CHINN, Walter Scott

Louisiana

1893-98
1893 Klotzville
1894-96 In school
1897 Morgan City
1898 Morgan City Circuit
1899-02 West Lake-Lake Charles
1903-04 Lake Providence
1905-06 St. Matthews
1907-09 Mallalieu
1910 Galveston: Wesley-Texas
1911 Transferred to Louisiana
1912 Simpson-New Orleans
1913-14 Trinity
1915 Clinton
1916 Plaquemine
1917 Mansfield
1918-19 Donaldsonville
1920 Alexandria
1921-22 Supt. Baton Rouge District
1923 St. James-Shreveport
1924 Beaumont: St. James-Texas
1925 Conference Evangelist, La.
1926-28 Wesley-New Orleans
1929 St. Mark's-Baton Rouge
1930 LaHarpe-New Orleans
1931-32 Haven
1933 Leave of Absence
1934 Conference Evangelist
1935-36 Peck
1937-38 Area Evangelist
1939-40 Supt. Shreveport District
1941-43 Supt. Baton Rouge District
1944 10-29 Retired

DAVID, JESSIE D.

Upper Mississippi

1913-15
1913 Up. Miss in school

Louisiana

1913 Asbury-N. O.
1914-15 Gretna-Asbury
1916-17 St. Matthews
1918-19 Baldwin
1920-22 Morgan City Ct.
1923-24 Franklin

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1941-46

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DAVIS, Ralph M.

Mobile

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FREEMAN,

Louisiana

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HARRIS, Albert B.

Louisiana

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1942

Grace

Supt. Shreveport Dist.

Trinity-N. O.

Wesley-Baton Rouge

Newman-Alexandria

Supt. Shreveport District

St. Paul-Shreveport

Sabbatical Leave

Retired

Central Alabama

Lafayette-Mobile

Lafayette-Central Alabama

Lanett

Lanett-Goodsell Memorial

Goodsell Memorial

St. Paul-Birmingham

Wesley-Austin W. Texas

St. Paul-San Antonio

St. Andrews-Ft. Worth

Wesley Tabernacle, Galveston

First Street-New Orleans

Wesley-Baton Rouge

11-7 Retired

Ephraim

Slaughter

In school

Stony Point

Frierson Circuit

Bonchest

Denham Springs Circuit

Longstreet

Grand Bayou

Waxia

Brigg-Perry

Wesley-Norwood

Denham Springs Circuit

Bastrop

Fairview-Keithville

Port Allen Circuit

Sabbatical Leave

10-28 Retired

On Cred. Baptist Ch. 1920

Kenner

Bayou Soule

Darrowville

Asbury

Camp Parapet

Macedonia

Slidell Circuit

Leesville

Hansville Circuit

Scott Chinn-New Orleans

Centerville Circuit

Woodlawn

Withdrawn

Olivier-La.

Washington

Mansfield

Berwick-Crawford

Baldwin

Mt. Sinai-Beulah

Pleasant Hill

Lutcher

Franklinton

Longstreet

Campti

Thompson-New Orleans

Shaw Temple

Mallalieu

10-25 Retired

GAINES, KELSO

Louisiana

- 1931-35
- 1931-35 Asbury
- 1936-41 Macedonia-Pine Grove
- 1942-48 Lottie Blanks
- 1949-53 Campiti Circuit
- 1954-55 Retired

HAYWARD, George Charles

Louisiana

- 1913-15
- 1913 In school
- 1914 Lafayette-Rayne
- 1915-17 Mandeville
- 1918-19 Peck-New Orleans
- 1920 Jeanerette Circuit
- 1921-23 Supt. Alexandria District
- 1924-25 Trinity
- 1926-29 Grace
- 1930 Wesley-New Orleans
- 1931-33 St. Mark-Baton Rouge
- 1934-41 St. James-Monroe
- 1942-43 St. James-Shreveport
- 1944-52 Warren-Lake Charles
- 1953 4-26 Retired

HAYWOOD, WILLIAM CORNELIUS

Louisiana

- 1922-24
- 1922-23 Trenton Circuit
- 1924 Lake Providence
- 1925-43 Sup. Lafon Old Folks Home
- 1944 Sup. N. O. Dist.
- 1945-49 Supt. Franklin Dist.
- Morgan City Circuit
- Wesley-New Orleans
- 1950-53 Retired
- 1954-55 Retired

JACKSON, Elijah L.

Louisiana

- 1936
- 1936-37 Luther Circuit
- 1938-39 Angie
- 1940 Plaquemine
- 1941-43 St. Peter Circuit
- 1944 Thibodaux
- 1945-46 Thibodaux Circuit
- 1947 Pleasant Hill-Zwolle
- 1948 11-7 Retired

JACKSON, Scooler J.

Louisiana

- 1916-1920
- 1916-17 Kenner
- 1918-20 Asbury
- 1921-22 Baker-Jordan
- 1923-27 Camp Parapet Circuit
- 1927-31 Franklinton Circuit
- 1932-35 Luther Circuit
- 1936-46 Woodlawn
- 1947 10-5 Retired

JARREL, William J.

Louisiana

- 1919-21
- 1919 New Roads
- 1920 Torras
- 1921 Asbury
- 1922 Jones Creek
- 1923-24 Cheneyville Circuit
- 1925 Marthaville
- 1926-28 Shady Grove Circuit
- 1929 Woodlawn
- 1930-31 Cane River Circuit
- 1932 Crowley
- 1933 Melville
- 1934 St. Peter
- 1936 Lettsworth
- 1937-39 Franklinton
- 1940-41 Lafayette Circuit
- 1942 Hughes-Jordan
- 1943 Jordan-St. Paul
- 1944 Leave of Absence
- 1945 Supernumerary

1946

10-6 Retired

JONES, PATRICK M.

Louisiana

- 1926-28
- 1926 Oakdale
- 1927-30 Lake Arthur
- 1931 Crowley
- 1932-33 Campiti
- 1934 St. Paul-Monroe
- 1935-37 Lake Providence
- 1938-40 Boyce Circuit
- 1941 Johnson-Shreveport
- 1942 Bastrop
- 1943 Leesville
- 1944-49 Jeanerette Circuit
- 1950-51 New Iberia
- 1952-53 Kenner-Ross
- 1954 Wilton-Alexandria
- 1955 Retired

LANDRY, Charles C.

Louisiana

- 1902-04
- 1902-03 Bastrop Circuit
- 1904 Beulah & Farmerville
- 1905-06 Centerville Circuit
- 1907 Godman & Sorrell
- 1908 Woodlawn
- 1909-10 Luther
- 1911-12 Bunkie
- 1913-14 St. Matthews
- 1915-17 New Iberia
- 1918 Spring Creek
- 1919 Haven-New Orleans
- 1920 Leave of Absence
- 1921 Wilson Circuit
- 1922-24 Supernumerary
- 1925 Supernumerary
- 1926 Retired

ROBINSON, A. P.

ROBINSON, William M.

Louisiana

- 1930-31
- 1930-32 Belcher
- 1933-35 Grand Bayou
- 1936 Mt. Nebo
- 1937-39 Washington Circuit
- 1940 Belcher-Dixie
- 1941-43 Shady Grove Circuit
- 1944 10-29 Retired

SMITH, Charles Christopher

Florida

- 1903 LOUISIANA
- 1903 W. Tempa-Fla.
- 1904 Discontinued
- 1906-07 Desare-La.
- 1908 Lane-Shreveport
- 1909-10 Belcher
- 1911 Flournoy-Jewella
- 1912 Florence Circuit
- 1913 Jones Creek
- 1914 New Light Circuit
- 1915 Bonita-Big Ben
- 1916 Gueydan Circuit
- 1917 St. Matthews
- 1918 Trenton Circuit
- 1919-20 Bonchest
- 1921 St. Luke Circuit
- 1922-23 Marthaville Circuit
- 1924-25 Lafayette
- 1925 Mt. Sinai
- 1926-27 Grand Bayou
- 1928 Mineola Circuit-Texas
- 1929 Brenham Circuit
- 1930 Logansport-La.
- 1931-32 Boyce-Rapides
- 1933-34 Leesville
- 1935 Pleasant Hill Circuit
- 1936 Bunkie Circuit
- 1937-40 Daniel-Round Grove
- 1941 Thomas Circuit
- 1942-44 Wilton-Alexandria

1945	Trans. to Texas-Jaxsonville-	1927-28	Wesley-Baton Rouge
1946	Hawkins	1929-30	Opelousas
THOMAS, Frank J.	10-6 Retired	1931	Newman-Alexandria
Louisiana		1932-34	Grace-New Orleans
1919-21		1935-37	Supt. Baton Rouge District
1919-20	Clare	1938-43	Lake Charles-Warren
1921	Many-Rapides	1944	Neely-Baton Rouge
1922	Boyce-St. Paul	1945-46	Natchitoches
1923	Cotton Port Circuit	1947-49	Scotlandville
1924-26	Bonchest	1950	5-21 Retired
1927-29	Keithville	ROBINSON, A. P.	
1930	Thomas Circuit	Louisiana	
1931-32	Leesville	1924	On Cred. from Baptist Ch.
1933	Mt. Sinai	1924-25	Deerford
1934-36	St. Martinville	1926	Jackson-Vincent
1937	Lafayette	1927	Mt. Carmel
1938-43	Jeanerette Circuit	1928	Boyce Circuit
1944	Leave of Absence	1929	Robeline Circuit
1945	10-28 Retired	1930	Centerville Circuit
WILLIAMS, James A.		1931-32	Hahnville
Louisiana		1933-35	Washington-Lake Charles
1914-16		1936-38	Melville Circuit
1914	Darrow	1939-40	Lettsworth Circuit
1915	Cotton Port	1941	Asbury-Mt. Carmel
1916-20	Beattieville	1942	Mt. Carmel
1921-23	St. Martinsville	1943-45	St. Luke
1924-26	Shreveport-St. Paul	1946-52	Booneville
		1953	4-26 Retired

HISTORICAL RECORDS**Retired**

Rev. H. B. F. Charles, 2341 Pauger Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
Rev. W. Scott Chinn, 1923 Marengo Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
Rev. J. D. David
Rev. Ralph M. Davis, 411 W. 51st Street, Los Angeles 37, California
Rev. Ephriam Freeman, 1320 Dot Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Rev. Kelson Gaines
Rev. A. B. Harris, 2309 Dryades Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
Rev. George C. Hayward
Rev. W. C. Haywood, 412 Socrates Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
Rev. E. L. Jackson, 2922 Audubon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
Rev. S. J. Jackson, Route 1, Box 1089, Westwego, Louisiana
Rev. William J. Jarrell, 1241 North 44th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Rev. P. M. Jones
Rev. C. C. Landry, 2811 Louisiana Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana
Rev. A. P. Robinson
Rev. W. M. Robinson, 4039 Mayfield Street, Shreveport, Louisiana
Rev. C. C. Smith, P. O. Box 133, Mansfield, Louisiana
Rev. F. J. Thomas, 2028 Talbot Street, Shreveport, Louisiana
Rev. James A. Williams, 979 Terrace Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Rev. J. C. Williams, P. O. Box 369, Pineville, Louisiana

Retired Approved Supply Pastors

Rev. B. F. Brown, 1119 Norma Street, Shreveport, Louisiana
Rev. Alfred Hall, 618 Lafayette Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana

X.

CHARTER OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF ORLEANS CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Be It Known, that on this 27th day of the month of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty,

Before me, William Waller Young, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified, in and for this City and the Parish of Orleans, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned.

Personally Came and Appeared: T. E. McElroy, J. C. Bibbons, G. E. Zilton, J. E. Brown, E. J. Wise, D. L. Davidson, C. E. Castine, A. M. Taylor, P. M. Jones, all above the full age of majority and residents of this City, constituting the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, created by an act passed before Gabriel Fernandez, Jr., a Notary Public in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, on January 24, 1911, duly recorded in the Mortgage Office of the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, in Book 1811, and folio 183, the said appears acting herein under and by virtue of the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church held at Shreveport, Louisiana, on the 19th day of May, 1950, a certified copy of the minutes of said meeting being hereunto annexed and made part hereof.

And said appearers declared that at said meeting of the annual conference of said corporation the Articles of Incorporation were amended and re-enacted as will appear from the aforesaid copy of the minutes of said meeting attached hereto, and that they, said appearers, constituting the Board of Trustees of said corporation, were duly authorized and empowered to cause said amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of said corporation to be embodied in a notarial act.

Now, Therefore, in accordance with said minutes, said appearers, acting in their aforesaid capacity, having appeared before me, Notary, for the purpose of placing said amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of said Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in authentic form by notarial act, do now declare that the Articles of Incorporation of said corporation be and the same are hereby amended and re-enacted so as to hereafter be read as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this corporation shall be the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, Central Jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II

Principal Place of Business

Section 1. The principal place of business shall be in the City of New Orleans, in the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana.

Sec. 2. The Board of Trustees shall have full power and authority to establish and maintain such other and additional offices and places of business as they may deem necessary and convenient, within the bounds of the Conference, with the majority vote of the members present

and voting of the Annual Conference and with the concurrence of the Resident Bishop.

Sec. 3. The corporation shall have full power and authority to conduct all business at the place where the Annual Conference shall be held, within the Conference.

ARTICLE III

Objects, Purposes and Powers

Section 1. The objects and purposes of this corporation are the promotion of religion, benevolence and learning, in connection and co-operation with The Methodist Church, in accordance with the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

Sec. 2. This corporation shall have full power and authority to do any and all acts and things necessary, incident or convenient to the furtherance and attainment of its objects and purposes; to receive and acquire by purchase, gift, devise or bequest, absolute, in trust or in any other manner, real and personal property, and to hold, use, invest, re-invest, and to sell, mortgage, pledge, assign and transfer such property, or any interest therein; and to provide for the support of retired ministers, connected with the conference, their widows and dependent children.

Sec. 3. This corporation, as the successor to the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America shall have and is hereby vested with all of the rights, powers, property, privileges and jurisdiction heretofore vested in the aforesaid corporation, subject to these Articles of Incorporation and the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

Sec. 4. This corporation shall have and possess all of the rights, powers, privileges, immunities, franchises, and exemptions permitted such corporations under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Louisiana, as now exist or hereafter amended.

Sec. 5. This corporation shall have the right, power and authority to organize, incorporate, establish, support, govern and control educational, religious hospitals and other charitable and benevolent institutions, and to provide for the representation and control of the governing bodies of such organizations and corporations.

Sec. 6. The power and jurisdiction of this Conference shall extend to and include all of the affairs and property of The Methodist Church, located within the bounds of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Church (Central Jurisdiction), as now or hereafter fixed and defined by the General or the Central Jurisdictional Conference of The Methodist Church.

ARTICLE IV

Management of Control—Board of Trustees

Section 1. The business of this corporation shall be managed, controlled and directed by the regular or duly called sessions of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, by the Resident Bishop, and shall function through the Board of nine (9) trustees, known as the Board of Trustees, which consist of the persons elected to said Board by the Annual Conference, as provided in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, as it shall from time to time be declared and established by the constituted authority—namely, the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Sec. 2. The election of Trustees shall be so conducted that at all times ministerial members of the Board of Trustees shall be ministers of said conference, and lay members shall be members of The Methodist Church within said conference.

Sec. 3. The election of Trustees shall be so conducted that three Trustees shall be elected for one year; three Trustees elected for two years, and three Trustees elected for three years, at the Annual Con-

ference each year thereafter three Trustees shall be elected to hold office until their successors have been duly elected and have qualified.

Sec. 4. The Annual Conference shall also elect each year a Trustee or Trustees to fill any vacancy or vacancies on the Board of Trustees not within the intendment of the Section of this Article, such Trustee or Trustees to be elected for the unexpired terms of the Trustee whose position is to be filled by such election; but the Board of Trustees shall have the power with the consent of the Resident Bishop, to fill any interim vacancy until the vacancy shall have been filled by action of the Annual Conference.

Sec. 5. Until the next Annual Conference in 195, the following shall constitute the Board of Trustees of this corporation, and for the terms set opposite their names:

NAME	ADDRESS	TERM
T. E. McElroy,	724 5th St.,	Morgan City, La., 3 years
J. C. Bibbons,	9014 Palm St.,	New Orleans, La., 3 years
G. E. Zilton,	2628 Soniat St.,	New Orleans, La., 3 years
J. E. Brown,	938 Polk St.,	Mansfield, La., 2 years
E. J. Wise,	215 Claiborne St.,	Donaldsonville, La., 2 years
D. L. Davidson,	1817 Andry St.,	New Orleans, La., 2 years
C. E. Castine,	1516 Turner St.,	Alexandria, La., 1 year
A. M. Taylor,	433 Burdette St.,	New Orleans, La., 1 year
P. M. Jones,	549 E. St. Peter St.,	New Iberia, La., 1 year

and, T. E. McElroy shall be the President of the Board of Trustees and J. C. Bibbons shall be the Secretary, and G. E. Zilton shall be Treasurer; and they shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected by the Board of Trustees and have qualified;

Sec. 6. The Board of Trustees shall elect the officers thereof and appoint an Executive Committee composed of five (5) of their number, which committee shall have such powers, and perform such duties as may be from time to time delegated to them by the Board of Trustees, or by the Annual Conference; and the President of the Board of Trustees shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 7. The Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the President, respectively, or of any three members thereof, upon not less than three days' notice in writing, or at any time when all members are present and agree to meet and transact business.

Sec. 8. The Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee shall make full reports of all business transacted by them to each session of the Annual Conference. And the Executive Committee shall report to the Board of Trustees upon request.

Sec. 9. A quorum for the transaction of business by the Board of Trustees shall consist of five (5) Trustees; and a quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of three (3) members.

Sec. 10. The Board of Trustees shall have and exercise all powers of governing and managing the affairs of the corporation, subject to the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church and the will and direction of the Annual Conference.

Sec. 11. The Board of Trustees shall have the management, government and control of all Abandoned Church property, and of the Permanent Funds of the corporation, which shall consist of all monies and property heretofore acquired by, or hereafter given to, or made payable to the Louisiana Annual Conference, or any that was formerly owned by the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and allocated or assigned to this corporation by virtue of the action taken in the Uniting of the Churches above mentioned; all notes, gifts, pledges, obligations, devises, and bequests heretofore made to the Annual Conference. The income from the above shall be for the use and purpose set herein.

ARTICLE V

By-Laws

This corporation shall have the power at any Annual Conference to adopt, amend or repeal By-Laws, rules and regulations for the direction and control of the Board of Trustees and the management of the business of the corporation not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church and the laws of the State of Louisiana.

ARTICLE VI

Exemption from Liability

The private property of the members and officers of the corporation shall not be liable for any of the debts or liabilities of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII

Prelatical Control

The title to all property of the member churches within the bounds of this Conference shall be deemed to have been taken and held, and are hereby established as taken and held, in the name of such individual church, in trust for use and benefit of this Annual Conference of The Methodist Church and subject to the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church and subject to the ministerial appointments as shall from time to time be made by the Resident Bishop. This Louisiana Annual Conference, exercising supervisory authority over every local church within its bounds, does so because of the Prelatical form of government in and through which The Methodist Church operates. By this we mean that all local church property held in trust by local Boards of Trustees is subject to the control of the parent body, The Methodist Church. It is understood by all legal authority, that such authority is resident in the General Church, and that The Methodist Church has this Prelatical control, along with the Catholic, the Protestant Episcopal, and the Northern Presbyterian Church bodies, in America.

ARTICLE VIII

Corporate Existence

Section 1. The term for which this corporation shall endure is hereby fixed at ninety-nine (99) years from the date of the filing of the Articles of Incorporation in the office of the Recorder of Orleans Parish, subject to renewal provided by law.

Sec. 2. The corporation may be sooner dissolved by a three-fourths vote of the members of the Annual Conference, or these Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the Members of the Annual Conference, and upon compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Louisiana, and the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

ARTICLE IX

Discipline

Section 1. The affairs of this corporation, its property management and administration shall in all respects be subject to the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, and the laws of the State of Louisiana, and shall be subject to the doctrines, laws, usages, customs and ministerial appointments of The Methodist Church, as from time to time made and disclosed by the lawful authority of The Methodist Church. All local church property is under the control of this corporation and bought in the name of The Methodist Church, is hereby declared to be owned by The Methodist Church even though a local congregation might have been successful in liquidating existing mortgages on the property. The Trustees obviously hold possession for the use of persons who by the

Constitution, usages and laws of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church have a right to the use of such property.

It is understood that the Trustees are liable to be moved by the congregation through the Quarterly Conference, for whom they hold this trust, and others may be substituted in their places. They have no personal ownership or right beyond this, and are subject in the official relations to the property to the control of the session of the Quarterly Conference.

Each local church of this Annual Conference is but a member of a larger organization under a form of government which subordinates the smaller unit to the final judgment of the larger.

Thus Done and Passed in my Notarial Office in the City of New Orleans, aforesaid, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses who hereunto subscribe their names, together with said appearers, and me, Notary, on the day and date set forth in the caption hereof.

(Original Signed)

T. E. McElroy
Jeffery C. Bibbons
G. E. Zilton
J. E. Brown and W. T. Handy
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Witnesses:

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

WADE O. MARTIN, JR.

I, the undersigned Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that a certified copy of charter of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, a Louisiana non-trading corporation, domiciled at New Orleans, dated the twenty-fourth day of January, 1911, also certified copy of amendment showing that a meeting of the members held on the nineteenth day of May, 1950, a resolution was adopted to amend and re-enact the Articles of Incorporation, and changing the name of the corporation to Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, Central Jurisdiction, the said amendment being by act before a Notary Public in and for the Parish of Orleans, of date the twenty-seventh day of September, 1950, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of Orleans, in book 1811 on the first day of October, 1950, has been filed in this office on this the twenty-ninth day of November, 1950, and recorded in book "Record of non-Trading Corporations" No. 20.

Given under my signature, authenticated with the impress of my Seal of office, at City of Baton Rouge, this 29th day of November, A.D. 1950.

WADE O. MARTIN, JR., *Secretary of State*



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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 4, 1955

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev. A. M. Taylor

Rev. Wade J. Hampton

The Memorial Service of the Annual Conference was conducted by the Reverend J. D. McCrory.

DEVOTIONS: The roll of the deceased was called and the Conference stood with bowed heads while prayer was led by Rev. McCrory.

MEMORIAL SERMON: Delivered by the Reverend C. T. Wethers, after which Mr. J. R. Patterson read a selection in memoriam.

BENEDICTION: Rev. C. T. Wethers.

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THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Minutes of the Louisiana Annual Conference held in Shreveport, Louisiana, from May 4, 1955, through May 8, 1955. Bishop Willis J. King, presiding.

Part I. Organization and General Business

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (§ 630 § 3, ¶ 790) :
Secretary, George W. Carter, Jr., 2021 Louisiana Avenue, New Orleans, La.
Statistician, Ellis C. Slater, 518 E. Main Street, Lafayette, La.
Treasurer, William R. London, Jr., 2525 Peniston Street, New Orleans, La.
2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? (¶ 625.) Yes.
3. a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? (¶ 637 § 3.) Treasurer, \$10,000.00.
b) Have the books of said officers of persons been audited? (¶ 637 § 3.) Yes.
4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected? (¶ 630.) [Answer Yes or No]:
 - a) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications? Yes.
 - b) Committee on Conference Relations? Yes.
 - c) District Committees on Ministerial Qualifications? Yes.
 - d) Committee of Investigation? Yes.
 - e) District Boards of Location and Building? Yes.
 - f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? Yes.
 - g) Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes.
 - h) Town and Country Commission? Yes.
 - i) Conference Deaconess Board? No.
 - j) Conference Board of Missions? Yes.
 - k) Conference Board of Education? Yes.
 - l) Conference Board of Temperance? Yes.
 - m) Conference Board of Lay Activities? Yes.
 - n) Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes? Yes.
 - o) Conference Board of Evangelism? Yes.
 - p) Board of Conference Claimants? Yes.
 - q) Commission on Christian Vocations? Yes.
 - r) Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service? Yes.
 - s) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support? Yes.
 - t) Other committees, commissions, or boards? Yes.
5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? (¶ 637 § 2.) Yes.
6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? (See supplementary Report.)
7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? (¶ 826.) Committee previously appointed to study this matter continued. No report made.

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8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? (§§ 801-2.) Salary to be set by the District Stewards and Pastors' Council of each District.

9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? 15 percent of pastor's cash salary.

10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the Council on World Service and Finance to this conference:

a) For World Service? \$12,187.34.

b) For Episcopal Fund? 2 percent of pastors' cash salary.

c) For General Administration Fund? \$1,287.00.

d) For Interdenominational Cooperative Fund? \$448.00.

11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund? \$278.00.

12. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the boards of the conference:

a) What is the report of the Board of Conference Claimants, and what appropriations for conference claimants are reported and approved? (§ 1623.) See report.

b) What is the report of the Conference Board of Missions of Disbursements of missionary aid within the conference? (§§ 1295-99.) See report.

c) What is the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance? (§§ 791-809.) See report.

d) What is the report of the Commission on Christian Vocations? (§ 643.) No report.

e) What are the other reports? Board of Education, Lafon Old Folks Home, Peoples' Community Center. (See reports.)

13. What Methodist institutions or organizations are approved by the conference for annuity responsibility? (§ 1618 § 2c, 11.) Dillard University, Lafon Old Folks Home, Peoples' Community Center, Sager-Brown Home.

14. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment? (§ 1569.) Second Sunday in August.

15. a) Who is elected conference lay leader? (§ 1504). J. R. Patterson.

b) What is his report? See report.

Part II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

16. Are all the ministerial members of the Conference blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.

17. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? (§ 931.) LeRoy Fields, J. D. David, L. A. Lester, J. D. McCrory, J. E. Brown, C. T. Wardah.

18. Who are the approved supply pastors? (§ 315.) King Alexander, F. L. Bailey, Walter Barabin, Syprian Barze, E. L. Berry, Taft Bowie, B. T. Branch, B. F. Brown, Eugene A. Brown, J. W. Bryant, Eddie Carter, Paul Davis, Jr., E. L. Dotson, Ameal Ennis, Sandy Facen, Welman Frank, Adam Franklin, C. L. Franklin, E. T. Gipson, Charles Green, R. M. Harris, P. H. Hayes, B. J. Haynes, L. C. Jennings, Willie R. Lafayette, David Lockart, J. D. McCoy, Isaiah McCoy, A. L. Moch, R. S. Murray, Miller Poledore, O. J. D. Rainey, B. J. Reddix, Henry Rhyman, E. J. Rollins, S. P. Sanford, James Smith, Percy Smith, James Sudds, William Tate, F. G. Thomas, C. H. Walls, J. W. Washington, J. L. Wesley.

19. What approved supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study: (Arrange all lists alphabetically.)

a) In the first year? J. W. Bryant, Paul Davis, Jr., Henry Dotson, Welman Frank, Adam Franklin, E. T. Gipson, L. C. Jennings, Allen Johnson, R. S. Murray, B. J. Reddix, Edward Sudds, William Tate, Freddie White.

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b) In the second year? Ameal D. Ennis, E. L. Simmons, H. K. White, A. M. Williams.

c) In the third year? Walter Barabin, Syprian Barze, Taft Bowie, B. T. Branch, Eddie Carter, Henry Drake, Sandy Facen, P. H. Hayes, David Lockhart, O. J. D. Rainey.

d) In the fourth year? King Alexander, R. M. Harris, Isaiah McCoy, E. L. Dotson, D. L. Franklin, James Smith.

20. What approved supply pastors are credited with annuity claim on account of full-time service during the past year? (§ 1631.) See list attached.

Alexander, King	5th year	Lafayette, W. R.	
Bailey, F. L.	2nd year	Lockhart, David	6th year
Barabin, Walter	4th year	McCoy, A. J.	5th year
Barze, Syprian	4th year	McCoy, Isaiah	5th year
Berry, E. L.	Completed	Moch, A. L.	
Bowie, Taft	5th year	Murray, R. S.	3rd year
Branch, B. T.	5th year	Poledore, Miller	Completed
Brown, B. F.	Retired	Rainey, O. J. D.	4th year
Brown, E. A.		Reddix, B. J.	1st year
Bryant, A. W.	1st year	Rhyan, H. J.	Completed
Carter, Eddie	5th year	Rollins, E. J.	2nd year
Dotson, E. L.	5th year	Sanford, S. P.	Completed
Davis, Paul	3rd year	Smith, James	6th year
Drake, Henry	4th year	Smith, Percy	
Ennis, Ameal D.	3rd year	Sudds, James	Completed
Facen, Sandy	5th year	Tate, William	3rd year
Frank, Welman	1st year	Thomas, F. G.	5th year
Franklin, Adam	3rd year	Walls, C. H.	
Franklin, Sandy	5th year	Washington, J. W.	7th year
Gipson, E. T.	7th year	Wesley, J. L.	Completed
Green, C. H.	Completed	White, H. K.	4th year
Harris, R. M.	5th year	White, A. L.	Completed
Hayes, P. H.	5th year	White, Freddie	1st year
Haynes, B. J.	Completed	Williams, L. A.	Completed
Jennings, L. C.	5th year	Williams, A.	4th year

21. What preachers, coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized (§ 411): As local deacons? None. As local elders? None.

22. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers: a) As members on trial: Deacons? None. Elders? None.

b) As members in full connection: Deacons? None. Elders? None.

23. Who are received on trial: a) In studies of the first year? None. b) In studies of the third year under the seminary rule? None.

c) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? None.

24. Who are continued on trial (list alphabetically): a) Continued in studies of the first year? Mose Pleasure, Jr. b) Advanced to studies of the second year? Richard Harry, Edward Kennedy, Edgar Smith. c) Continued in studies of the second year? None. d) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? Donald Frank.

25. Who on trial are discontinued? None.

26. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

27. What full members are in studies: a) Of the third year? None. b) Of the fourth year? Wilbert August, Max R. Butler, Lloyd Honore, Roger Transpers.

28. What full members have failed to complete the studies (§ 346): a) Of the third year? None. b) Of the fourth year? Lloyd C. Honore.

29. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? Ellis Slater, Samuel W. Walker, Nathaniel Williams.

30. Who have been elected deacons: a) As local preachers? None. b) As members on trial in the course of study? None. c) Under the seminary rule? None. d) Under the missionary rule? None.

31. Who have been ordained deacons? None.

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32. Who have been elected elders: a) As local preachers? None. b) As local deacons who have been received on trial? None. c) As conference members in the course of study? Nathaniel P. Williams. d) Under the seminary rule? None. e) Under the missionary rule? None.

33. Who have been ordained elders? Nathaniel P. Williams.

34. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception: a) What members of this conference have been transferred out for purposes of ordination only: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None.

b) Who have been transferred in, having been ordained elsewhere: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None.

c) Who are transferred in, and from what conference, for purposes of ordination only, such ordination to be voted by this conference: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None.

d) Who have been ordained here, such ordination having been voted by another conference: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None.

e) Who have been transferred out, and to what conferences, after ordination: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None.

f) Who have been received on trial at the request of another conference? None.

g) Who have been transferred out, having been received on trial, and to what conference? None.

h) Who have been transferred in, to be received into full connection after election by another conference? None.

i) Who having been transferred out, having been received into full connection after election by another conference? None.

j) Who on trial have been transferred out, to be received into full connection by another conference? None.

k) Who have been transferred in after having been received into full connection by another conference? None.

35. Who are readmitted: As deacons? None. As elders? None.

36. Who have been received by transfer? Robert F. Harrington, West Texas Conference, May 7, 1955.

37. Who have been transferred out? None.

38. Who have had their conference membership terminated: a) By voluntary locations? None. b) By involuntary locations? None. c) By withdrawal? None. d) By judicial procedure (expelled)? None.

39. a) What ministerial members have died during the year? A. M. Taylor, Wade J. Hampton. b) What deaconesses have died during the year? None.

40. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? (§ 365.) None.

41. Who are granted sabbatical leave? (§ 364.) None.

42. What ministers have been retired (list alphabetically): a) This year? P. M. Jones, J. C. Williams. b) Previously? H. B. F. Charles, Walter Scott Chinn, J. D. David, R. M. Davis, Ephriam Freeman, Kelso Gaines, A. B. Harris, G. C. Hayward, W. C. Haywood, E. L. Jackson, S. J. Jackson, Wm. M. Jarrell, Charles C. Landry, A. P. Robinson, William M. Robinson, Christopher C. Smith, Frank J. Thomas, J. A. Williams.

43. What approved supply pastors have been retired: a) This year? None. b) Previously? B. F. Brown, Alfred Hall.

44. Who are left without appointment to attend school? Donald Frank, Lloyd Honore, Edward Kennedy, Nathaniel P. Perry, W. W. Sartor.

45. What is the number of: a) Pastoral charges? 110. Approved supply pastors? 44. Received on trial? None. Received into full connection? None. Transfers in? 1. Transfers out? None. Received from other churches? None. Readmitted? None. Discontinued? None. Withdrawn? None. Expelled? None. Located? None. Deceased? 2.

b) Ministers: (1) On trial: (a) As pastors? 2. (b) Under special appointment? None. (c) Left without appointment to attend school? 3. Total on trial? 5.

(2) In full connection: (a) Effective: (i) As pastors and district superintendents? 66. (ii) Under special appointment? 4. (iii) Left with-

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out appointment to attend school? 5. (iv) On sabbatical leave? None. Total effective? 75. (b) Retired? 20. (c) Supernumerary? None. c) Total all ministers? [Add total on trial, total effective, retired, and supernumerary.] 95.

46. What other personal notation should be made? None.

Part III. Concluding Business

47. What is the report of the conference treasurer? See report.

48. What is the report of the conference statistician? See report.

49. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year? See reports of Commission on World Service and Commission on World Peace.

50. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Newman Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana.

51. Is there any other business? No.

53. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? [SEE LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.]





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		CONNECTIONAL FUND						WORLD SERVICE AND CONF. BENEVOLENCES							101	
PTS	MINIMUM SAL. FUND	General Administration	Jurisdictional Administration	Area, Conference and District Administration	INDENOM. COOP. FUND		Appointed	Accepted	Paid	World Service Special Gifts	General Advance Specials	Week of Dedication	Fellowship of Suffering and Service	Conference Advance	are An Lesson and Used Annud by The	
105																Ye
450							\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 240			\$ 4	\$ 1	\$		Ye
195							542	542	542			22	8	2		Ye
452							307	307	307			4				Ye
624							512	512	512			22	8	20		Ye
540							1086	1086	1085			44	17	4		Ye
150							1085	1085	1085			10	17	4		Ye
180									129			10	5	1		Ye
105									230	\$ 4		10		1		Ye
62									190			11				Ye
10							108	108	108			4				Ye
75							124	124	124			4	1			Ye
48									5			5				Ye
101							224	224	124				3			Ye
90									30							Ye
115							162		70			2	2			Ye
19									190			3	3			Ye
48							245		245	5		5	5	10		Ye
67									39			4				Ye
									30							Ye
							108		33				2			Ye
									65			4	1	2		Ye
436							\$ 4773	\$ 4258	\$ 5313	\$ 9		\$ 206	\$ 73	\$ 20		

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105							\$ 195	\$ 195	\$ 195	\$ 20	\$ 75	\$ 10	\$ 2		Ye
30				\$ 18			73	73	73	2		5	2	\$ 3	Ye
171				35				270	278		100	15	10		Ye
42	\$ 275														Ye
50				12				75	75		50	5	2		Ye
	2200	\$ 2200					495	495	495		100	10	2		Ye
6	220	118	\$ 10	\$ 6			30	30	20		10				Ye
25				10			113	113	113			4			Ye
180							195	195	195						Ye
							263	263	263						Ye
278				55			594	446	446		15	6	10		Ye
60							150	150	150	40	8	5			Ye
			10				40		43		3		1		Ye
160	1800	1500		22			260	260	260		100	15	15		Ye
240															Ye
89															Ye
115				35			220	220	220					5	Ye
551	\$ 4495	\$ 3818	\$ 38	\$ 6	\$ 187		\$ 2628	\$ 2785	\$ 2268	\$ 22	\$ 475	\$ 90	\$ 44	\$ 47	

LES DISTRICT

450							\$ 690	\$ 690	\$ 690			\$ 25		\$ 15	Ye
150				\$ 30			100		100			5	3	8	Ye
160				60			177		177	\$ 10		15		13	Ye
							60							1	Ye
							5		5					7	Ye
30							15							3	Ye
3															Ye
160							160	200				5	10	10	Ye
595							935	935	935			40		30	Ye
							50		24					1	Ye
22							290	290	290			5		3	Ye
50							20					10		8	Ye
15														2	Ye
357	\$ 234			50			350		350			15	15	10	Ye
30							40		40					5	Ye
25		8					90					5		7	Ye
45							90							4	Ye
40							250	205	191			5		5	Ye
40							25					5		7	Ye
172	\$ 242			\$ 140			\$ 3327	\$ 2320	\$ 2170	\$ 10		\$ 140	\$ 28	\$ 142	



TREASURER'S REPORT, 1955

[illegible]

SHHEVEPORT DISTRICT

[illegible]

RECAPITULATION

1 Barton House.	Leroy F. Tinsley	\$	7,454	\$	16,601	\$	6,777	\$	11,258	\$	26,869	\$	16,026	\$	13,900	\$	18,809	\$	2,212	\$	1,881	\$	2,940	\$	39,818	\$	47,111	\$	11,618	\$	34,341	\$	20,773	\$	4,255	\$	6,313	\$	22	\$	145	\$	209	\$	74	\$	23,009	\$	92	\$	9	\$	654	\$	38	\$	19	\$	37	\$	787	\$	14	\$	66,293																								
2 Franklin.	Rev. T. R. McElroy	\$	4,781	\$	7,981	\$	17,900	\$	6,348	\$	13,460	\$	16,883	\$	12,900	\$	9,861	\$	3,955	\$	2,037	\$	2,072	\$	320	\$	1,423	\$	1,948	\$	1,561	\$	4,105	\$	3,818	\$	38	\$	0	\$	187	\$	20,761	\$	24	\$	476	\$	200	\$	16	\$	183	\$	33	\$	72	\$	44	\$	32	\$	600	\$	2	\$	17	\$	165	\$	154,964																		
3 Lake Charles.	R. M. Brown	\$	13,940	\$	10,678	\$	7,412	\$	8,800	\$	12,120	\$	10,974	\$	3,715	\$	14,053	\$	14,535	\$	2,162	\$	1,887	\$	320	\$	355	\$	209	\$	1,722	\$	242	\$	3	\$	3	\$	140	\$	3,627	\$	23,220	\$	2,171	\$	1,400	\$	28	\$	1,127	\$	459	\$	68	\$	34	\$	19	\$	70	\$	17	\$	17	\$	678	\$	72	\$	2004	\$	183,516																
4 New Orleans.	W. L. H. Brown	\$	18,170	\$	21,312	\$	23,632	\$	18,511	\$	33,083	\$	35,008	\$	16,000	\$	10,758	\$	14,846	\$	3,392	\$	3,105	\$	913	\$	975	\$	5,866	\$	6,768	\$	6	\$	3	\$	3	\$	150	\$	6,888	\$	49,113	\$	8,222	\$	104	\$	351	\$	73	\$	233	\$	167	\$	105	\$	146	\$	959	\$	147	\$	194	\$	74	\$	345	\$	4163	\$	3,981	\$	217	\$	73	\$	2004	\$	183,516								
5 St. Charles.	N. M. Baker	\$	5,425	\$	3,976	\$	7,670	\$	14,011	\$	13,510	\$	16,220	\$	30,000	\$	13,335	\$	6,311	\$	1,551	\$	2,154	\$	235	\$	610	\$	1,122	\$	2,928	\$	21	\$	30	\$	50	\$	25	\$	32,225	\$	680	\$	6,980	\$	10,188	\$	210	\$	159	\$	353	\$	349	\$	125	\$	220	\$	142	\$	60	\$	8	\$	1159	\$	25	\$	85	\$	29	\$	50,645														
6 St. Louis.	W. L. H. Brown	\$	5,949	\$	6,008	\$	5,740	\$	5,878	\$	9,633	\$	10,321	\$	11,250	\$	9,038	\$	5,117	\$	10,876	\$	11,358	\$	21,654	\$	26,641	\$	14,700	\$	10,853	\$	3,760	\$	5,818	\$	71	\$	89	\$	1102	\$	32,044	\$	17,356	\$	52,453	\$	154	\$	457	\$	1,188	\$	3,534	\$	55,330	\$	2,185	\$	240	\$	2,031	\$	261	\$	207	\$	262	\$	142	\$	60	\$	74	\$	490	\$	175	\$	48	\$	310	\$	247	\$	2192	\$	462,507

BENEVOLENCES

Specials	W.D.C.S. (Includ. W.S.G.) Cash to Dist., Conf. Treas.	Methodist Student Day	Church School Rally Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Race Relations Sunday	CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES						All Other Benevolences	Grand Total 42-45, 47c, 48, 49b, 50b, 51b, 52b-55, 56, 57c-74
						Korea	Wesley Foundation	Reserve Pension	Special	M.C.O.R.	W.W.C.		

0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$ 1535
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6597
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2147
0	\$ 92	\$ 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8301
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11658
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11344
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1911
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2379
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	296
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13850
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	407
8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	880
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1472
0	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	524
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	539
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1093
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	390
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	135
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	757
9	\$ 92	\$ 9	\$ 654	\$ 38	\$ 19	\$ 37	...	\$ 787	...	\$ 14	...	...	\$ 66393

0	\$ 39	\$ 6	\$ 20	\$ 6	\$ 10	\$ 40	\$ 7	\$ 64	\$ 2	...	\$ 5	\$ 150	\$ 2327
0	40	3	15	3	6	4	...	45	...	...	...	...	555
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1435
...	...	2	2	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	199
...	44	10	...	...	10	...	10	90	...	...	...	...	911
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	8114
...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1893
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	994
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	150	...	...	2	...	1356
0	...	...	10	...	...	...	5	30	...	...	...	...	2933
0	42	...	20	...	8	...	...	95	...	...	5	...	4308
5	20	5	20	6	6	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	1522
...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	323
0	21	...	35	...	16	...	...	105	...	...	...	...	4733
0	...	...	35	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	4559
0	...	...	10	15	...	...	...	80	...	...	...	...	111
5	\$ 208	\$ 26	\$ 183	\$ 33	\$ 72	\$ 44	\$ 32	\$ 669	\$ 2	...	\$ 17	\$ 165	\$ 38130

0	\$ 134	\$ 16	\$ 70	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 260	...	\$ 12	\$ 10	...	\$ 105657
0	32	2	20	2	2	...	5	10	...	...	3	...	2880
0	30	4	11	2	4	...	2	55	...	4	10	...	6178
6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	164
0	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	...	125
3	...	...	5	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	676
5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	37
0	...	...	25	...	...	5	...	125	...	...	5	...	4763
0	140	10	69	...	27	25	82	...	...	...	...	...	22799
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
0	8	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	412
0	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2730
0	...	2	15	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	128
0	...	15	62	5	12	...	...	85	...	...	15	...	1102
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	308
5	...	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	220
0	25	10	10	...	10	25	10	...	2120
0	50	3	30	3	4	40	...	1	3	...	3206
5	...	1	20	1	25	1	...	1086
7	\$ 459	\$ 68	\$ 347	\$ 19	\$ 70	\$ 40	\$ 117	\$ 678	...	\$ 17	\$ 72	...	\$ 154640

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CHURCH SCHOOLS																						
Total Local Preachers (Included in Line 11) Officers and Teachers	CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP							ATTENDANCE					GENERAL INFORMATION									
	Child's Div. 0-11 Years				Adult Div. 24 Yrs. Over			Average Attendance at Sund'y Sch'l (All Ages)	Average Attend'ce Add'l Meetings of Church School				Number of Church Schools on Charge	Methodist Pupils and Constituents in Vaca- tion Church Schools	Meth. Pupils and Constituents in Weekday Schools	Church School M'bers Joining the Church on Prof. of Faith	Are All Lesson Mat'ls Used Ann'd by The					
	Nursery Home Members	Children (Exclude Col. 14)	Youth Division— 12-23 Years	Adult-Home Members	Adults (Exclude Col. 17)	Total (Add 13-18 Inclusive)	Children		Youth	Adults												
...	7	11	19	25	1	12	75	50	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	8	8	13	17	6	5	52	35	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	7	20	10	17	...	...	59	40	7	...	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	17	56	81	92	20	30	296	190	30	...	...	...	...	235	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	15	22	48	41	24	20	170	85	12	25	12	8	...	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	16	10	5	18	...	...	49	25	34	15	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	15	...	35	40	35	3	128	75	35	28	80	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	7	12	15	11	8	...	61	40	18	15	5	8	...	25	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	8	12	20	26	2	21	89	58	12	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	6	...	25	20	...	...	51	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	6	8	10	12	...	1	37	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	10	20	10	35	5	4	84	45	50	20	40	6	...	45	40	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	8	5	31	41	6	6	97	59	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	5	15	20	16	2	2	60	20	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	13	2	...	...	...	...	...
2	4	3	7	7	...	...	21	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	5	50	...	10	...	...	65	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	9	6	...	35	...	...	58	45	20	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	11	25	75	45	...	25	181	75	15	5	4	6	...	105	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	3	13	12	8	...	4	40	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	6	10	5	30	...	...	51	30	...	...	20	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	7	14	15	18	54	30	138	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	180	320	456	551	163	1199	1869	981	218	200	236	78	34	628	50	105	...	...	...	...	...	...
FRANKLIN DISTRICT																						
...	6	3	40	25	2	4	80	51	30	...	...	...	1	75	30	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	7	10	6	...	...	26	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	13	20	54	37	...	13	137	57	15	5	...	...	3	85	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	5	10	15	10	...	...	45	25	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	5	5	6	10	4	4	34	15	5	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	10	20	15	30	...	...	75	45	75	50	14	10	...	45	45	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	10	10	10	...	...	33	20	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	5	20	20	34	...	...	79	39	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	8	21	49	28	...	...	106	45	18	45	...	...	2	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	7	15	10	24	...	...	56	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	5	13	9	12	6	12	57	40	...	8	12	4	...	30	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	5	10	12	20	1	10	58	37	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	6	10	5	18	...	...	39	20	...	15	10	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	10	10	25	25	10	6	86	40	15	25	12	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	7	15	15	30	2	3	72	35	...	...	7	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	12	15	18	25	...	...	75	35	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	8	5	15	20	5	4	57	25	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	118	209	328	364	30	66	1115	576	158	148	55	29	25	260	75	58	...	...	...	...	...	...
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT																						
...	20	5	45	35	6	37	148	70	...	...	16	15	1	166	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	8	5	19	20	...	...	52	30	...	...	19	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	14	...	36	22	...	8	80	48	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	6	13	15	20	...	...	54	40	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	8	10	10	18	...	4	50	35	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	16	10	17	28	...	17	88	48	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	7	7	...	15	45	...	74	40	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	10	18	20	26	9	...	83	50	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	16	7	50	30	10	15	128	15	15	...	15	16	1	...	75	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	6	10	10	20	5	...	51	25	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	8	10	...	15	...	...	33	...	23	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	6	10	11	7	...	6	40	30	...	7	10	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	7	17	35	34	20	16	129	45	15	...	22	15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	4	15	3	18	...	...	40	35	...	45	...	20	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	6	5	6	20	15	12	64	40	30	25	14	5	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	10	20	30	40	...	10	110	50	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	15	30	18	45	...	25	133	50	10	7	15	5	2
14	167	192	325	413	110	150	1357	711	93	79	111	89	30	302	76	20

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List Number	CHARGE AND CHURCH	NAME OF PASTOR	EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL CHURCH										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT						CONNECTIONAL FUND				BENEVOLENCES																
			Paid on Principal and Interest on Old Buildings	Paid for Buildings and Improvements	Paid Other Current Expenses, Incidental, etc.	Paid for Ch. Sch. Admin. League and Supp. Bk. etc.	Paid for Pastor's Salary, this Year	Paid Pastor	Paid Associate Pastor(s)	Total Paid Pastor and Associate Pastor(s)	Paid Pastor's Trav. Expense Fund	Appropriated	Paid	Appropriated	Paid	Appropriated	Paid	Appropriated	Appropriated	Appropriated	Appropriated	World Service and Conf. Benevolence	World Service Special Gifts	General Advance	Special	Week of Dedication	Fellowship of Suffering and Service	Conference Advance	Specials	W.D.C.S. (Incl. W.S.G.) Paid to Dist. Conf. Treas.	Methodist Student Day	Church School Rally Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Pure Relations Sunday	Korea	Wesley Foundation	Reserve Pension	Special	M.C.O.R.

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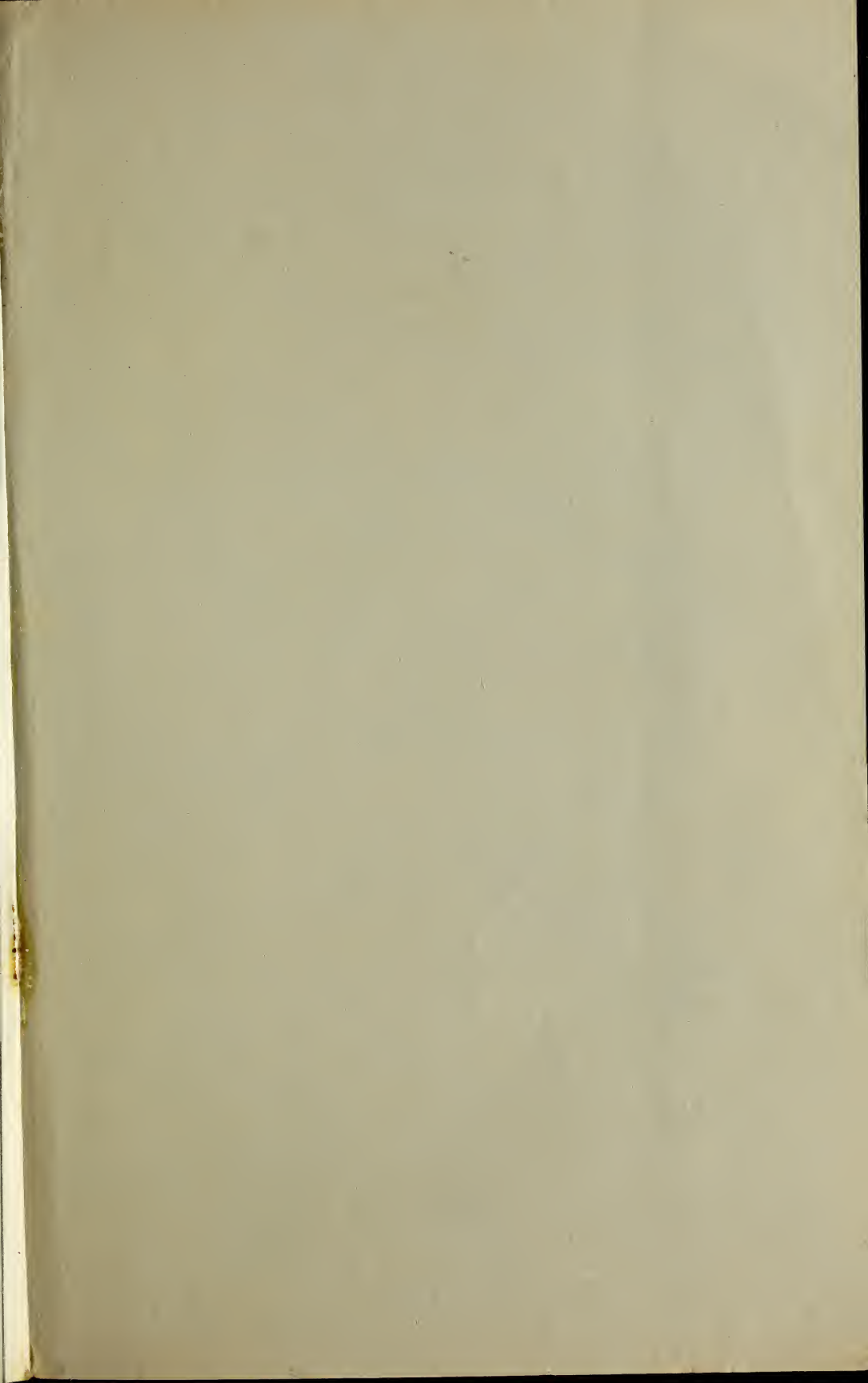
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SPECIALS	W.D.C.S. / T-10-11-12	W.D.C.S.				METH. MEN		PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS							
		Meth. Ch. Ch. Yea. No.	Ch. Schl. Offering for World Service and Conf. Benevolences	Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups, or Circles)	Membership (Including Wesleyan Service Guild)	Amount Paid for Local Work	Number Char-tered Groups	Membership	Number Subscribers to The Christian Advocate	Number of Preaching Places	Estimated Value of Church Buildings, Equipment, and Land	Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture, and Land	Estimated Value of Other Property (Including Cash, Bonds, etc.)	Indebt. on Bldgs., Equipment, Parsonages, and Current Expenses	

0	0	\$ 100	1	20	\$ 300			1	13	2	\$ 7700	\$ 1000			
10	0	14	1	50	874			12	11	1	7500				
10	0	72	1	145	2500			50	150	1	16500	7200		\$ 1254	
10	0	200	1	125	750			80	96	1	40000	6000	\$ 17000	12000	
5	0	150	1	100				3	3	3	24500	2000		9000	
5	0	20	1	20				16	2	2	20000				
15	0	35	6	125				15	20	2	90000	2500	300		
10	0	10	1					7	7	1	32000	4000		8000	
2	0	10	1					3	3	3	76000	4000			
8	0	10	3					2	2	2	6000			50	
9	0	3	2		105			4	3	3	6500	5000	500		
0	0	26	1	20	30			5	1	1	3400			2106	
0	0	25	1	15				1	1	1	20000	4000			
0	0	25	1					6	2	2	7000	3000			
5	0	14	3		12			3	3	3	6000	1000			
0	0	35	1	25	700			2	38	1	3000	4000			
5	0	72	1					20	2	2	20000	7000	1500	200	
0	0	15						2	2	2	5000	3500			
5	0	72	1					2	8	2	10000				
9	0	92	5		10			4	4	2	3000				
		\$ 831	22	420	\$ 5506		4	180	423	39	\$ 469100	\$ 54200	\$ 19300	\$ 32610	

0	0	\$ 39	1	24	\$ 90			3	1	1	\$ 31000	\$ 3000		\$ 200	
0	0	40	1	35	40			4	1	1	2500	1500		300	
0	0	25	1	50				9	3	3	19700	5000			
44	0	15	1	6	10			4	1	1	5000	500		96	
0	0	10	4	36	195			38	2	2	7000	5000			
0	0	35	1					1	1	1	25000	15000	\$ 4000	742	
0	0	10	1	15	90			2	2	2	10000				
0	0	35	1					3	2	2	5000	10000	10000		
42	0	20	1	12	175			9	14	1	5000	2000		500	
5	0	21	18	20	8			1	15	2	9000	12000		95	
0	0	42	1	45	75			6	2	2	35000	1600			
0	0	35	2	269	28			6	2	2	7000	4000	1500	200	
0	0	40	1	18	110			12	6	2	12000	2000		700	
5	0	206	1					6	2	2	4000	10000		800	
		\$ 403	32	211	\$ 1012		30	31	99	28	\$ 202200	\$ 73600	\$ 51500	\$ 3633	

0	0	\$ 134	1	38	\$ 1092			1	1	1	\$ 93000	\$ 23000	\$ 15000	\$ 23025	
0	0	32	1	25	80			10	1	1	40000	8000		3700	
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0	0	29	1	200				8	3	3	3000	2000			
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0	0	30	1					1	1	1	4000	8000			
5	0	25	1	1				18	2	2	8000				
0	0	50	1		30			29	2	1	6000	3000			
5	0	5	1					3	3	3	8000	12000			
7	0	459	65	10	55			5	2	2	5500	5200			
		\$ 312	11	109	\$ 1828		5	144	83	33	\$ 299000	\$ 88200	\$ 29780	\$ 49557	



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			BAPTISMS		Other		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total									
			Infants presented by Parents or Guardian	All Others: Children, Youth, Adults	Preparatory Members (including Baptized Children)	Total Full Members	Received from Previous Year	Received from Other	Received by Transfer from Other Meth. Ch., Reserved	Received by Death	Received by Other	Received by Transfer from Other Meth. Ch., Reserved	Received by Death	Received by Other	Child's Div. 9-11 Years	Adult Div. 12-18 Years	Adult-Home Members (Excluded Col. 17)	Total (Add 13-18 Inclusive)	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average	Attendance Average									
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT																																										
1	Andrew Ct.	Richard Barry	4	1	30	65	1	2	4	67	7	7	11	19	25	1	12	75	50	2	2	100	14	1	13	2	2	7700	1000													
2	Hughes	E. C. Slater	4	1	32	65	1	2	4	65	1	7	10	13	17	6	52	38	1	1	7500	14	1	11	1	1	15000	7200			1254											
3	Newly	L. H. P. Norris	4	9	20	285	8	2	5	288	1	7	20	10	17	5	69	40	7	1	70	72	1	12	35	1	15000	7200			1254											
4	St. Mark	J. D. McCorry	15	40	61	765	25	5	10	743	2	13	23	49	41	24	20	170	52	12	25	12	8	1	1	145	2500			17000	9000											
5	Wesley	T. R. Albert	4	30	20	234	22	2	2	258	15	217	1	19	10	5	18	42	25	12	12	8	1	1	1	125	750															
6	Clinton Ct.	Garfield Robinson	4	30	20	234	22	2	2	258	15	217	1	19	10	5	18	42	25	12	12	8	1	1	1	125	750															
7	Deanham Springs Ct.	Edgar Smith	8	28	60	212	1	7	1	100	1	1	12	35	40	35	128	75	35	28	80	24	2	2	2	20	100															
8	Donaldsonville Ct.	John McCallum	10	8	11	105	5	1	1	109	2	1	12	35	40	35	128	75	35	28	80	24	2	2	2	20	100															
9	Jordan	W. C. August	3	3	34	72	3	1	1	75	4	6	12	20	20	2	21	89	58	12	15	8	1	1	1	35	125															
10	Lettsworth Ct.	Isaiah McCoy	10	20	10	50	8	25	2	3	156	1	15	25	20	2	21	89	58	12	15	8	1	1	1	35	125															
11	Lobdel Ct.	Samuel Taylor	12	3	7	5	1	1	1	61	1	1	12	20	20	2	21	89	58	12	15	8	1	1	1	35	125															
12	Marionette Ct.	B. M. Harris	13	7	8	135	16	10	5	156	1	1	12	20	20	2	21	89	58	12	15	8	1	1	1	35	125															
13	Northwood Ct.	C. L. Franklin	4	4	177	13	3	8	2	196	2	8	31	41	0	6	97	59	15	20	40	6	1	1	1	45	40															
14	Port Allen	W. H. Davis	4	7	25	100	7	3	0	129	2	5	15	20	10	2	2	60	30	1	35	25	1	1	1	35	25															
15	Flacourville Ct.	T. J. Bridgett	4	1	10	60	1	1	1	61	1	1	12	20	20	2	21	89	58	12	15	8	1	1	1	35	125															
16	Roseville-Shuloh	W. H. Willis	4	4	167	2	3	8	2	176	2	5	15	20	10	2	2	60	30	1	35	25	1	1	1	35	25															
17	St. Peter Ct.	B. T. Branch	3	6	2	128	2	1	1	129	2	5	15	20	10	2	2	60	30	1	35	25	1	1	1	35	25															
18	Wesolaudville Ct.	A. A. Robinson, Jr.	4	4	65	285	4	1	55	292	1	11	19	6	1	7	151	75	15	6	4	1	1	1	1	105	4															
19	Springfield Ct.	A. D. Ennis	1	1	2	80	1	1	1	81	3	13	12	8	3	13	12	8	3	13	12	8	3	1	1	1	105	4														
20	Zachary	David Lockhart	2	5	20	70	13			84	6	10	15	8	30	51	30	1	20	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	1000															
21	Midville Ct.	Adam Franklin	2	2	4	79	4			83	1	7	14	15	18	64	30	138	5	4		2	2	2	2	2	1000															
Total			119	196	428	3350	135	42	108	40	41	205	3748	30	180	320	456	551	163	1199	1869	981	218	200	236	78	34	628	60	105	831	22	420	5506								
FRANKLIN DISTRICT																																										
1	Baldwin	A. L. Hooks	2	20	50	117	20	1	1	55	90	1	9	3	40	25	2	4	80	51	30	1	75	30	20	Yes	8	75	1	24	90	3	15	31000	3000	200						
2	Charenton	King Alexander	16	5	39	89	7	5	1	25	154	4	13	20	54	37	13	137	67	15	8	1	85	1	1	Yes	15	1	35	40	0	4	1	17000	1500	300						
3	Franklin Ct.	S. J. Thomas	3	8	10	33	2	4	1	9	25	4	5	10	14	10	5	45	25	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	16	1	50	50	1	1	8000	600	96						
4	Hahnville	Eddie Carter	3	8	10	33	2	4	1	9	25	4	5	10	14	10	5	45	25	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	16	1	50	50	1	1	8000	600	96						
5	Houma Ct.	E. A. Mays	14	15	6	77	18	2	1	3	120	180	10	20	10	10	4	34	15	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	16	1	50	50	1	1	8000	600	96						
6	Bayou La Poudre	W. B. Foyoume	14	15	6	77	18	2	1	3	120	180	10	20	10	10	4	34	15	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	16	1	50	50	1	1	8000	600	96						
7	La Place	H. B. F. Charles	1	1	1	1	9			20	1	3	10	10	10		33	29	75	50	14	10	2	1	1	1	Yes	16	1	50	50	1	1	8000	600	96						
8	Lutcher Ct.	H. J. Rhyon	4	20	46	72	2	2		68	5	5	20	20	31		39	39	18	45	50	2	2	2	2	2	Yes	16	1	50	50	1	1	8000	600	96						
9	Morgan City	T. E. McElroy	10	10	125	6	10			130	25	4	130	25	4	130	25	4	130	25	4	130	25	4	130	25	4	Yes	35	1	15	50	1	1	10000	10000	600					
10	Napoleonville Ct.	Blackman Hall	0	2	142	11		4		159	7	15	10	21		50	35	15	45	50	18	45	50	2	2	2	Yes	35	1	15	50	1	1	10000	10000	600						
11	New Iberia	J. F. Johnson	5	1	50	133	3	4	2	134	102	2	5	13	9	12	6	12	57	40	4	12	4	1	30	3	Yes	56	1	12	175	1	9	1	35000	12000	95					
12	Oliver Ct.	Miller Barham	4	10	100	24				134	24	1	10	10	10		39	20	12	30	12	30	12	30	12	30	12	Yes	70	18	20	2	1	1	15000	1600	1600					
13	Pattersonville	Miller Foldore	5	5	2	21				24	1	3	1	1	1		39	20	12	30	12	30	12	30	12	30	12	Yes	35	2	45	75	2	6	2	12000	4000	1500				
14	St. Martinville Ct.	E. L. Berry	10	6	60	134	3	1	1	137	10	10	25	25	10	6	86	40	15	25	12	3	2	2	2	2	Yes	35	2	45	75	2	6	2	12000	4000	1500					
15	St. Peter Ct.	L. A. Williams	4	9	13	181				175	50	2	6	86	40	15	25	12	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Yes	35	2	45	75	2	6	2	12000	4000	1500					
16	Thibodaux Ct.	A. D. Edwards	4	9	13	181				175	50	2	6	86	40	15	25	12	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Yes	35	2	45	75	2	6	2	12000	4000	1500					
17	Woodlawn	P. H. Hayes	15	15	16	80	6	3	7	15	70	6	8	5	15	20	5	4	57	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	40	1	13	110	1	12	0	15000	1000	200				
Total			121	189	376	1731	83	13	13	30	22	237	1888	29	118	209	328	364	30	66	1115	570	158	148	55	29	25	290	75	58	403	32	211	1012	30	31	90	28	202200	73600	51500	3633
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT																																										
1	Alexandra Newman	W. T. Hardy, Jr.	8	1	45	264	5	10	1	6	2	18	254	20	5	45	36	0	37	148	70		16	15	1	166	1	Yes	71	1	38	1952	1	37	1	18	90000	23000	15000	23025		
2	Wilton	P. M. Jones	3	4	18	93	31	2	4	1	5	124	14	8	5	19	10	16	8	80	48		10	15	1	1	Yes	39	1	25	150	1	25	10	1	40000	8000	3700				
3	Boonville Ct.	C. C. Casteau	6	5	101	213	36			2	2	6	123	14	8	5	19	10	16	8	80	48		10	15	1	1	Yes	39	1	25	150	1	25	10	1	40000	8000	3700			
4	Boye Ct.	C. H. Green	6	5	101	213	36			2	2	6	123	14	8	5	19	10	16	8	80	48		10	15	1	1	Yes	39	1	25	150	1	25	10	1	40000	8000	3700			
5	Boukie Ct.	T. J. Walton	5	5	13	76	3	13	3	6	4	132	10	10	10	18	4	50	35	17	88	48		2	2	2	Yes	10								6000	2000					
6	Campti Ct.	T. H. Songsem	5	5	20	132	4			4	132	10	10	17	28	18	17	88	48	17	88	48		2	2	2	Yes	10								6000	2000					
7	Cane River Ct.	James Smith	3	3	27	138				16	12	1	1	1	1	15	45	17	74	40							Yes								6000	2000						
8	Califia	Paul Davis, Jr.	2	2	5	78				142	1	10	18	20	20	9	83	50	16	16	16																					

